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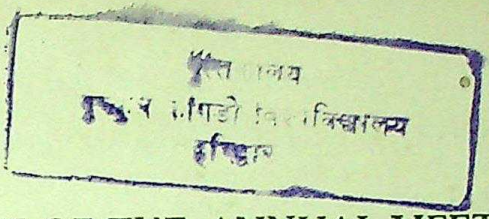

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 1952

The Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 4th February, 1952, at 4 p.m.

PRESENT:

Prof. Dr. S. K. Mitra, D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S. *President* (in the Chair).

Members:

Ahmed, Said
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Mukherjea, Dilip K.,
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Sen, Nirmal K.,
Sen, Sukumar,
Sen, S. P.,
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Banerjee, R.,
Banerji, Aryan,
Dutt, S. B.,
Gupta, Suniti Bala,
Home, Amal,
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(1) The President declared the Annual Meeting open and said:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Voting for the election of the new Council for 1952-53 and the election of Ordinary Fellows will begin at 4 p.m., and members may kindly record their votes. Voting papers in this connection will be handed over to every voter. Voting will close at 5 p.m. I request the Ordinary Members to fill up the voting papers duly and drop the votes in the sealed boxes kept for the purpose as per directions noted on the voting papers. Votes will then be registered in accordance with the procedure laid down in *Rule 44(b)*. Dr. S. L. Hora and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri will be in charge of all arrangements concerning the election.

Voting concluded at 5 p.m.

At 5-5 p.m. the President appointed two scrutineers, viz.: Dr. K. P. Biswas and Mr. U. P. Mukherjee to examine the votes recorded in accordance with *Rule 44(a)*.

(2) The President then informed the meeting that owing to sudden indisposition the Patron of the Society, His Excellency Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, would be unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

(3) The President next called upon the General Secretary to present the Annual Report for 1951.

The General Secretary referred to the important items of the Annual Report, printed copies of which had already been distributed to all those who were present.

(4) The President then delivered his Annual Address.

(5) The President next remarked as follows:

"My first duty now is to announce the result of the scrutiny of votes regarding election of Ordinary Fellows. The number of votes cast in favour of each candidate were as follows:

(1) Dr. B. Ch. Chhabra	...	...	51 votes.
(2) Dr. Sukumar Sen	...	...	51 ,,
(3) Dr. J. L. Bhaduri	...	...	50 ,,
(4) Dr. A. C. Ukil	...	...	50 ,,

The President then declared the abovenamed gentlemen as duly elected and congratulated them as Fellows of the Society.

(6) The President next said:—

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I have now pleasure in announcing the annual awards of prizes and medals. Unfortunately, for various reasons, amongst which insufficient income from the funds is one, all the awards due this year could not be made. I earnestly hope that these difficulties,

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specially the one regarding the shortness of funds, will be removed and we shall be able to give away all the prizes and medals due next year.

(a) "*The Annandale Memorial Medal* goes to Dr. Verrier Elwin for his valuable research in the field of Indian Ethnology. Dr. Elwin's series of publications beginning with "The Baiga" in 1939 and ending with, for the present, "The Tribal Art of Middle India" published in 1951, bear testimony to his persevering energy as also to his intimate knowledge of the art and social life of some of the primitive tribes of India. The Society could not have made a better selection than Dr. Verrier Elwin for the award of the medal."

The President then handed over the medal to Dr. Verrier Elwin with his and the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President said:—

(b) "To Dr. Kalikaranjan Qanungo is awarded the *Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal*. Dr. Qanungo's researches have thrown considerable light on the Medieval history of India, specially the age of Akbar and the late period of Shajahan's reign. He has also published a number of valuable papers on certain aspects of the history of Bengal. We are sure he will continue his important researches following the footsteps of the doyen of historians in India after whom the medal is named."

The President then handed over the medal to Dr. Qanungo with his and the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President said:—

(c) "*The B. C. Law Gold Medal* is being awarded to Dr. Hem Chandra Ray Chaudhuri. Dr. Ray Chaudhuri is an authority on Ancient Indian History, geography and religion. His widely read book "Political History of Ancient India" has added greatly to our knowledge of the early history of India. The Society in selecting him for the award of the medal has only recognised merit where such recognition is due."

The President then handed over the medal to Sri S. K. Saraswati and requested him to forward it to Dr. Ray Chaudhuri with his and the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President said:—

(d) "*The Barclay Memorial Medal* goes to Dr. A. C. Ukil. Dr. Ukil's name is well-known to you all not only as an eminent physician but also as a devoted social worker who has done much specially for those suffering from the dread disease tuberculosis. But, of his many original and valuable researches in the different branches of Medicine the public at large may not be well aware. According to the terms of the award, the medal is to be given for conspicuously important contributions to medical as well as

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biological sciences with special reference to India, and I know you will agree that Dr. Ukil fully deserves this honour."

The President then handed over the medal to Dr. K. N. Bagchi and requested him to forward it to Dr. Ukil with his and the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President said:—

(e) "*The Indian Science Congress Medal* which is awarded in the year in which the Congress holds its session at Calcutta goes to Dr. B. Mukherji, the present General Secretary of the Indian Science Congress Association. During the years of his tenure of office as General Secretary, Dr. Mukherji has worked indefatigably for promoting the interests of the Association both in India and abroad. His normal term of office as General Secretary—4 years, expired in 1951. But to meet certain difficulties Dr. Mukherji, notwithstanding his very responsible duties as Director of the Central Drugs Research Laboratory, agreed to carry on the work of the General Secretary for a further term of one year. The Society is happy in having chosen the right person for the award of the medal for conspicuous services to the Indian Science Congress Association."

The President handed over the medal to the General Secretary and requested him to forward it to Dr. Mukherji with his and the Society's hearty congratulations.

(7) The President then made the next announcement as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having received the report of the scrutineers I now announce the result of the Council election. The total number of ballot papers issued were 53 and 52 votes were recorded in favour of the proposed members of the Council. Under the rules therefore I am pleased to declare the following names of gentlemen as set forth in the ballot papers duly elected as Members of the Council for 1952-53:—

President :

Prof. Dr. S. K. Mitra, D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S.

Vice-Presidents :

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Dr. S. C. Law, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., F.N.I., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.

Secretaries & Treasurer :

General Secretary:—Prof. J. M. Sen, B.Sc., M.Ed., T.D., Dip.Ed., F.R.G.S., F.N.I.

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Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen, M.A., B.L.

Mr. Noel Barwell, M.A., M.C., Lt.-Col. (retd.), Bar-at-Law."

(8) In conclusion the President said:—

"Gentlemen, before this annual meeting ends I would like to thank the Members for having elected me as President for a second term. If I have been able to do anything for the Society I would like to say that it has been due to the encouragement I got from my colleagues in the Council and the help I had received from every member of the Staff, and now I shall try my best to serve the Society for another term for which you have elected me as your President.

"The Annual Meeting is now closed but there is an exhibition arranged in the rooms of the Society and I invite you all to see it. I also request the Fellows and the Members to stay on for a few minutes for the transaction of the business of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting."

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ANNUAL ADDRESS, 1951-52

FELLOW MEMBERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is my pleasure and privilege this evening to welcome you to this Annual meeting of the Asiatic Society, the oldest of the learned societies of the East founded 168 years ago.

My first sad duty is to refer to the loss suffered by the Society by the deaths of two of its distinguished members, Sir Cyril Fox and Mr. Satyendranath Bhadra.

Sir Cyril Fox was a past President and a Fellow of the Society. He was an eminent geologist and had served in that capacity in this country for more than thirty years. He was appointed a Director of the Geological Survey of India in 1939 and retired from the service in 1943. It is particularly distressing for us to recall that only a few weeks before his death he had written a letter to our General Secretary offering to deliver lectures and lead discussion meetings in the Society. We also recall that Sir Cyril had, in a large measure, been responsible for impressing upon the then Government of India the need of systematic mineral investigations of the country and also of expanding the activities of the Geological Survey of India, which investigations and expansion are still continuing.

In Mr. Satyendranath Bhadra we have lost an eminent eduacationist who had devoted his life to the cause of the furtherance of higher education in the province of his birth.

We also mourn the passing away of the great son of India, Dr. Abanindranath Tagore, who, though not a member of the Society, always took great interest in its activities. It is needless for me to dilate upon the creative genius of Abanindranath as an artist with which you are all familiar. His passing away has left a void in the cultural life of the country which will be very hard to fill.

During the year under review the name of the Society was changed from "The Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal" to its original name The Asiatic Society. This shorter name under which the Society is now registered is, you will agree, more appropriate. The word 'Royal' had ceased to carry with it its original significance and the word 'Bengal' very often led to the misunderstanding that the Society was not an All-India body and that its activities were confined to the State of Bengal alone.

We are all glad that our scheme of a new building of the Society which had been under consideration for a number of years, has been approved

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by the general body of Members. The new building is proposed to be a three-storeyed one and will be erected in the site now occupied by the petrol station. The total floor area ultimately available will be about 19,000 sq. ft. This will give the much needed relief to our library which houses rare publications and manuscripts numbering more than a lac and also room for storing our own valuable publications. Further, this will also help to fulfil the long-cherished hope that the Society building will, one day, be like the Burlington House of London providing central accommodation to many of the learned societies that exist in the city. This will be in the fitness of things, because, as many of you are aware, the Asiatic Society has mothered not only some of the leading scientific societies of the country, but also some of the scientific services of the Central Government. The scheme has, however, had a temporary set-back on account of the abnormal drop in the prices of the Government Securities and the Society is taking steps to meet the resulting deficit from other sources.

It is a matter of satisfaction to record that the revision of the existing rules of the Society which had been proposed more than 5 years ago, and on which the rules revision sub-committee has been working for more than a year, has at last been finalized. They were considered at an Extraordinary General meeting of the Society held on 4th December, 1951 and have been circulated to the members for their final approval. The new rules will provide greater opportunities to the Fellows and Members of the Society for associating themselves with the various activities of the Society.

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It is also a matter of gratification that Dr. Niharranjan Ray, the General Secretary of the Society for the past few years, is now in the U.S.A. as a Visiting Professor of Indian Art and Culture in the University of Washington, St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Ray served the Society with credit, conducting its affairs during a period when a number of important decisions had to be taken. His scholarship and amiable manners endeared him to all, and, his absence, I am sure will be felt by many assembled here this evening.

The research and cultural activities of the Society consist of publications of our quarterly Journal, of original works and of critical editions of old manuscripts, reading of original papers and display of exhibits at the Monthly meetings and arranging lectures and discussion meetings by eminent scholars and authorities in various subjects. A number of research scholars are also engaged in work on the many thousands of rare manuscripts in the possession of the Society.

You will see from the General Secretary's report that 16 papers were

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read at the Monthly meetings of the Society and there were eleven exhibits of rare manuscripts, documents, coins, images and special literature. Twentythree lectures and discussion meetings were arranged, the speakers in every case being persons of eminence in the subject.

Of the books published by the Society in the year under review I would specially mention two—*Nāṭya Śāstra* edited and translated by Dr. M. M. Ghosh and *Vīdhāna Pārijāta* edited by Pandit Iswar Chandra Sastri.

Nāṭya Śāstra is a sanskrit treatise on dramaturgy (ascribed to Bharata-muni) written about second or third century A.D. Dr. Ghosh, by translating the work, has placed all Indologists under a debt of gratitude by making available to them, in an easily comprehensible form, the dramatic and musical traditions of ancient India. The work has elicited unstinted praise from orientalists all over the world like M. Renou of the Indian Institute at Sorbonne, Paris.

Vidhāna Pārijāta is a comprehensive sanskrit digest, in five parts, (*stavaks*) of the religious and civil duties of the Hindus composed in the seventeenth century by one Ananta Bhatta. It is a very valuable work of reference. The first three parts were published by the Society as early as 1903—1906. The volume under reference is the fourth one. The last, the fifth part, is expected to be published in the near future.

In regard to the policy that ought to be pursued by a Society like ours in respect of future publications I would refer to a suggestion made last year by the Hon'ble Justice Mookerjee in his presidential address—a suggestion which had also been uppermost in my mind for a long time—though I am a student of science. This was about bringing out an authoritative critical edition of the *Purāṇas*, at least the major ones. The *Purāṇas* are veritable mines of knowledge about ancient and medieval India. And, I have often wondered why this rich mine is not properly and profitably worked. Many of us feel that a systematic and comprehensive work of this kind if brought to a successful conclusion—may be after a decade of hard labour—will have more lasting value than publications of individual works. You will be glad to know that a special committee has been formed to go into all the aspects of such a venture and Justice Mookerjee, who is a member of this Committee has already done some exploratory work.

It is satisfactory to note that the quarterly publication of the Journal of the Society is more regular now. We are, however, having some difficulty in respect of the science number (of the four annual issues one is devoted to scientific subjects) because of the paucity of communications received, specially in respect of the physical sciences. This has been due to the fact that most of the science subjects have now their own journals and these naturally receive preference in the matter of communications from the research workers in the respective fields. However, we are receiving

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articles of excellent merit in the biological and anthropolical sciences and have thus not only been able to make up the arrears but also maintain the standard, as a perusal of the current issue of the Journal will show.

I, however, think that the inadequacy in the number of communications on the physical sciences need not disturb us, since, research in the physical sciences is but only one restricted aspect of the activities of the human mind—an aspect which, on account of its spectacular achievements in recent years, is receiving more than its due share of attention. It is, perhaps, now time that conscious effort be made to re-direct attention to the study of achievements of the human mind in fields other than those of the physical sciences and specially of the study of man himself. Because, as has been very aptly put by Julian Huxley, "The human species is now the spearhead of the evolutionary process" and that "man's destiny, his duty and privilege in one, is to continue in his own person the advance of the cosmic process of evolution." No apology is, therefore, needed for the fact that the science numbers of our journal are now devoted more to articles on the Science of Life—Biology and on the Science of Man—Anthropology than to those on physics or chemistry. Nevertheless, I shall be failing in my duty if I recommend relegation of the study of the physical sciences to the background on the plea that it is receiving its due share of attention elsewhere. Because, there is an aspect of study and research in these sciences—which may not be familiar to you—but which brings it in closer relation to the study of the Humanities with which this Society is more concerned at present. The basic fundamental discoveries of physics made in the present century are great and grand by themselves; they are things of beauty. And, what is more, these discoveries have brought about a change in the attitude of the contemporary scientist towards the nature of the material world. The story of this change—a change in the direction of mentalism from materialism—is interesting and worth repeating, though it may be familiar to some of you, students of modern physics, who may be present here.

The eighteenth century scientist naïvely believed that the laws of nature discovered by him in the world of his everyday life held valid, on the one hand, in the immense world of astronomy in which space is measured in millions of light-years (one light-year is the distance travelled by light in one year moving with the speed of 186,000 miles per second) and time in billions of years, and, on the other hand, in the sub-microscopic world of atoms in which the scales of space and time are only billionths of centimetre and second respectively. The researches of the twentieth century scientist have shown, however, that this naïve belief is wholly untenable. The laws of physical science regarded as fundamental, were the laws of motion formulated by Newton 250 years ago, and, the fundamental basis was the law of causality—the law that every event has a cause. But, it was found that for the larger world of astronomy it was necessary to remodel the laws of

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motion of Newton on a broader basis to make them fit with the observed facts: this was the celebrated Theory of Relativity of Einstein. For the sub-microscopic world of atoms the laws broke down completely—no remodelling of the laws being possible to fit the observed facts. Events are found to happen in the atomic world apparently without cause. As such, no exact prediction of the future occurrence of an individual event—which is the main business of physical science—is possible. All that can be predicted is the probability of the occurrence of the event. Again, forces appear in the atomic world which have no analogue in the everyday world. At the risk of being a little technical I will give you an example. Two atoms of hydrogen are known to combine to form a hydrogen molecule. But, what is the force which holds the two atoms together? It is found that the force is not any of the ordinary known forces of Nature—gravitational, electric or magnetic. The force has its origin in the complete identity of the two electrons of the two hydrogen atoms. If the two electrons exchange places, no observable effect is produced. Hence arises a new kind of force—the exchange force—in the atomic world. Perhaps the only analogy of these forces in our everyday life is to be found in the plane of human psychology. Two persons may be found to be tied in close partnership, if the interest of one is indistinguishable from that of the other.

The scientist exploring the atomic world is faced with another disturbing fact—the Principle of Uncertainty associated with the name of Heisenberg. According to this principle the observable physical world is, by its very nature, such that one is never able to form a clear picture of its ultimate details. Nature, as if, has drawn a thin veil over these details in time and space. If one attempts measurement to form a clear picture of one aspect of the detail another aspect becomes hazy. The modern scientist is therefore less dogmatic than his older colleague about his assertions regarding the ultimate structure of the materiai world. If you had asked a scientist of the older school: "Have you ever seen an electron about which you talk so much"? you would have got the reply: "No, I have not. But, that is simply because I have not yet constructed a microscope powerful enough. If one day I build such a microscope I will certainly be able to see the electron." The same question put to a contemporary scientist of modern school would elicit a quite different reply. He will not only say that he has not seen an electron, but will also add that he can never expect to see it, because, he cannot even conceive of building an apparatus by which a faithful picture of the electron can be produced.

Finally, the twentieth century scientists have begun to ask another question: Do the fundamental laws of Nature—the basic, grand laws, not those which merely express some regularity in Nature—exist *per se*, or are they creations of the human mind? For example, the phenomenon of an apple falling to the ground may be explained by postulating the law of

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gravitation after Newton. But, it can also be explained by postulating after Einstein that entity space-time become curved by the presence of matter. Which of the two explanations represents the reality? The answer is neither: But, probably Einstein's idea approaches the real state of affairs better than Newton's, because it embraces a wider range of observed facts of nature. One may therefore legitimately ask if the so-called laws of Nature discovered by scientists are not really creations of the human mind—creations to understand Nature. Perhaps they are. But, they are great creations—work of men of genius. The contemplation of the order and harmony they introduce in the phenomenal world gives the scientist studying them, the same joy that one derives from the contemplation of a masterpiece of painting or poetry.

I have said all this to impress on many of you here who may not be conversant with modern trend of science that, though the method of science has remained the same, namely, questioning Nature and seeking answers to the same by experimentation, and systematizing the knowledge so gained, yet a profound change has come in the attitude of the scientist towards the interpretations of the result. He now recognizes that the results of his enquiry enable him only to construct a 'picture' of the material world and that his 'pictorial representation' is not to be identified with the underlying reality, the true nature of which will perhaps ever remain hidden from him. This is quite unlike the forbidding materialism of the nineteenth century scientist who would not make a distinction between appearance and reality. In this and some other ways modern science may be said to have moved towards mentalism.

However, I shall be wrong if, in concluding my address, I leave you with the impression that the modern scientist considers mind as primary and matter as secondary. He does not do that. Nor does he agree with the scientist of the older school who regarded mind as a product of matter. His present view tends rather towards monism than realism or idealism. He considers mind and matter as only two facets of a single reality. If the creation of scientific law or beauty requires the participation of human mind, so also the existence of the human mind requires the indispensible partnership of the material world. Man is, in fact, one with Nature.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1951

The Council of the Asiatic Society have the honour to submit the following report about the Society's affairs and activities during the year ending 31st December, 1951.

Change in the name of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal

The name of the Society which could not be changed formally due to certain technical difficulties, though the general body of members approved of the change in 1950 was altered to the Asiatic Society during the year under review.

Patron

His Excellency Dr. K. N. Katju, M.A., LL.D., Governor of West-Bengal, continued to be the Patron of the Society up to October, 1951. His Excellency Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, M.A., Ph.D., the present Governor of West Bengal has kindly consented to become the Patron of the Society from December, 1951.

Honorary Fellows

The number of Honorary Fellows continued to be 13 as during the previous year against a statuatory limit of 30.

Ordinary Fellows

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 5th of February, 1951, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. J. B. Auden, Dr. Nalinaksha Dutt and Dr. T. J. Job were elected as Ordinary Fellows. Sir Cyril Fox, an Ordinary Fellow, died during the year. The number of such Fellows, therefore, at the close of the year was 45 in place of 42 of last year as against the statuatory limit of 50.

Special Anniversary Honorary Members

There was no change in the personnel of such Membership, the number remaining 10 as in 1950.

Institutional Members

During the year the Council approved of the Institutional Memberships of (1) the Central Inland Fisheries Research Station, (2) the India Office Library, Commonwealth Relations Office, London, and (3) the Zoological Survey Department, Government of Pakistan, Karachi. The

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Dacca University as well as the New Asiatic Vedic Research Society ceased to be Institutional Members. The total number of such memberships at the end of the year stood at 24.

Associate Members

The strength of such Membership was 10 only as during the last year.

Ordinary Members

Gains		Losses	
Elections carried forward ...	6	Deaths ...	6
New Elections ...	63	Resignations ...	22
	—	Removal under Rule 40 ...	1
	69	Removal under Rule 38 ...	65
			—
			94

Initial Total 971, Losses 25, Final total 946.

New Elections fell off this year from 99 to 69 and names of as many as 66 members had to be removed under the rules for failure to pay up the subscription despite repeated reminders issued to them. Thus there was a slight fall in the total strength of membership, as in the previous year.

Deaths

The following deaths occurred during the year :—

Sir Cyril Fox	(Life Member since 5-11-13, Ord. Fellow since 3-2-39)
Rai Bahadur Satyendranath Bhadra.	(Ord. Member since 4-6-28)
Dr. K. Ghosh.	(Ord. Member since 2-4-24)
Mr. Bifulla Prakash Ganguly	(Ord. Member since 1-7-46)
Mr. Himansu Kumar Gupta.	(Ord. Member since 3-2-47)
Rao Bahadur Rudra Pratap Singh.	(Ord. Member since 5-7-43)

In the death of Sir Cyril Fox the Society lost one of its oldest Life Members, and a Fellow, who was also the President of the Society for the year 1942-43.

Membership Statistics

In Appendix I is to be found the statistical account showing the variation in the membership strength for the last 50 years. As noted already the

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total number of members at the end of 1951 is lower than that of the last year by 25. This fall in membership, though regrettable, was not wholly unexpected. In fact, it is less than what was anticipated.

Council

The Council met 13 times during the year. The average attendance was 11.8 as against 12.8 of last year. Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray carried on the duties of the Honorary General Secretary of the Society during the year. Dr. S. C. Law, the Honorary Treasurer, was absent for some time and during his absence Prof. J. M. Sen officiated as the Honorary Treasurer. Dr. J. B. Auden and Sir Paul Benthall were away for a part of the year with the permission of the Council; their places were not, therefore, filled up during their absence. Thus there was no change in the personnel of the Council. A summary of the more important decisions of the Council is given below, month by month.

The January Council Meeting held on 17-1-51 recommended that the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal was to be awarded to Sri Kasturbhai Lalbhai.

In the February Meeting of the Council held on 13-2-51 various Committees as shown in Appendix III were constituted.

March Council meeting held on 15-3-51 decided that Dr. Stella Kramrisch would represent the Society at the 55th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at Philadelphia, approved of the Institutional Membership of the India Office Library, Commonwealth Relations Office, London, and appointed Prof. J. M. Sen to officiate as the Honorary Treasurer with effect from 26-3-51 during the absence of Dr. S. C. Law.

In the April Council meeting held on 18-4-51, Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji and Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray were deputed by the Society to serve on the Special Committee for the appointment of the Kamala Lecturer and on the Sarojini Basu Medal Award Committee of the Calcutta University. In that meeting two sub-committees were formed for preparing a priority list of the items which are to be taken up for publication by the Society.

In the Council Meeting held in May (23-5-51) Sri Arabinda Ghosh, M.A. and Janab Mahiuddin Ahmad, M.A. were selected respectively as the James Prinsep and R. G. Casey Research Fellows with effect from 1-6-51, and Sri Amar Ch. Bose, M.A. was appointed temporarily on an initial basic salary of Rs. 200/- to work as the Publication Assistant in place of Sri Rabindranath Banerjee, B.A. on leave. The Council also made allotments of funds for a few items of a routine nature.

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In June Council Meeting held on 18-6-51, it was decided that Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray would represent the Society at the International Congress of Orientalists to be held at Istanbul from September 15th to 23rd, 1951.

In the July Council held on 16-7-51, Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqui were also nominated to serve as the Society's representatives at the International Congress of Orientalists at Istanbul. The Council further decided to convene a Special Meeting for consideration of the proposals of the Building Committee about commencement of the New Building of the Society at the site which was in the occupation of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Limited. In the same meeting Sri R. C. Misra, typist on probation, was confirmed on an initial monthly salary of Rs. 65/- in the grade 60-5-125/- plus D.A. with effect from 1-7-51, and a sub-committee was formed to examine carefully the Government of India letter about conditions to be fulfilled by organisations in receipt of grants-in-aid from that Government. A Special Council Meeting was held on 23-7-51 to discuss threadbare the recommendations of the Building Committee and after a long discussion in which most of the members took part, the Special Meeting was adjourned to 13-8-51.

The Adjourned Special Council Meeting held on 13-8-51 decided to circulate to the general body of members the final decision of the Council about commencing a 3-storeyed new building as per plan to be sent to them in that connection.

The August Council Meeting held on 20-8-51 approved of the Institutional Membership of the Zoological Survey Department, Government of Pakistan, and nominated Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Sri S. K. Saraswati, Dr. Mahdi Hussain, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and other members who were likely to attend to represent the Society at the Fourteenth Session of the Indian History Congress. The meeting further directed that in future the Fellows of the Society would be entitled to use the title F.A.S. in place of F.R.A.S.B.

A Special Council Meeting held on 12-9-51 scrutinised the recommendations of the Rules Revision Sub-Committee and directed that the revised rules as drafted were to be circulated to all classes of members inviting suggestions for consideration at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on the 4th of December under Rule 64(c).

In the September Council Meeting held on 17-9-51 Prof. Haridas Bhattacharyya, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Dr. Sukumar Sen and such other members from Uttara Pradesa as were likely to attend, were nominated to represent the Society at the Sixteenth All-India Oriental Conference to be held at Lucknow in October, 1951. The term of the Sir William Jones Research Fellow, Sri Bhabatosh Bhattacharyya was ex-

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tended for a year with effect from 1-10-51, and the services of Prof. K. M. Maitra, Cataloguer of Islamic Manuscripts was extended for one year more with effect from 5-9-51 on his existing consolidated salary of Rs. 300 only.

The November Council Meeting held on 19-11-51 nominated Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. A. C. Ukil to serve on the Council of the National Institute as an Addl. Vice-President and Addl. Member respectively. In that meeting the different Medal Advisory Boards as shown in Appendix III were also formed. The Building Committee proposals which were reported to the November Ordinary Monthly Meeting were approved, and it was decided that ballot papers were to be issued seeking permission from the General Body of Members to withdraw from the Permanent Reserve Fund an amount not exceeding 2 lacs to enable the Society to start the new building operations.

In the December Council Meeting held on 17-12-51 it was decided that the following Medals for 1951 were to be awarded to the recipients shown against each item: (1) Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal—Dr. Kalikaranjan Qanungo, (2) Dr. B. C. Law Medal—Dr. Hem Chandra Raychaudhuri, (3) Barclay Memorial Medal—Dr. A. C. Ukil, (4) Annandale Memorial Medal—Dr. Verrier Elwin and (5) Indian Science Congress Medal—Dr. B. Mukherji, and that the consideration of the Budget Estimates was to be postponed till January, 1952.

The Council further decided to invite His Excellency Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, M.A., PH.D., to be the Patron in place of his predecessor and considered informally the composition of the Council for 1952 in accordance with Rule 44.

More detailed abstracts of the Council proceedings will, as usual, be printed in the Year Book for 1951.

Committees of the Council

The four Standing Committees of the Council, viz.: the Finance, the Publication, the Bibliotheca and the Library Committees met regularly to discuss all important items and made necessary recommendations to the Council, most of which were accepted by the latter body. The Scientific Advisory Committee and the Cultural Advisory Committee met only twice during the year and discussed several problems of scientific and cultural value; the recommendations of those two Committees were all attended to by the Council. The Rules Revision Committee held 12 prolonged sittings and drafted the New Revised Rules which have all been circulated to the members. Besides, the Building Sub-Committee met six times to prepare and submit definite proposals for a New Building. The final proposals in

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this connection will shortly be placed before the General Body of Members under Rules 64(c) and 65.

Lists of Members of the Council, the 4 Standing Committees, the Special Committees and the Medal Advisory Boards are given in Appendix III.

Society's Representatives on outside Bodies

(1) INDIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO—The Society's representative continued to be the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ramaprasad Mookerjee as during the year 1950.

(2) INDIAN MUSEUM—The Society's representative on the Board of Trustees of the Indian Museum under the Indian Museum Act X of 1910 was Mr. K. P. Khaitan, as he was re-elected for a further term on the expiry of his first term of representation.

(3) The Society's representatives on the Council of the National Institute of Sciences of India were Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri to serve as the Addl. Vice-President and an Addl. Member respectively.

(4) INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION—The Society's representative to serve on the Commission was Mr. Mohibbul Hassan Khan who had been appointed for a period of five years with effect from May, 1947.

(5) Dr. Stella Kramrisch represented the Society at the 55th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences at Philadelphia.

(6) Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji and Dr. Niharranjan Ray respectively represented the Society on the Calcutta University Special Committee for the appointment of the Kamala Lecturer and on the Calcutta University Special Committee for the award of the Sarojini Basu Medal.

(7) Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi and Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray were nominated to represented the Society at the International Congress of Orientalists held at Istanbul.

(8) Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Sri S. K. Saraswati, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and Dr. Mahdi Hussain represented the Society at the Fourteenth Session of the Indian History Congress held at Jaipur.

(9) Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray was appointed to represent the Society on the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology.

(10) Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Prof. Haridas Bhattacharyya

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and Dr. Sukumar Sen represented the Society at the Sixteenth Session of the All-India Oriental Conference held at Lucknow.

Awards

ELLIOT PRIZE—This prize could not be awarded this year too since the Government of West-Bengal could not yet pass orders authorising this Society to withdraw the interest of the Elliot Prize Fund.

Two Medals, viz.: The Sir William Jones Memorial Medal and Joy Govinda Law Memorial Medal could not be awarded in 1951 as the respective Medal Endowment Funds were in deficit due to excess in expenditure incurred when the previous awards were made. The lowering of the rate of interest on Government Securities and the continued high price of gold led to the incurring of expenses which exceeded the interest yield from the endowment funds.

BARCLAY MEMORIAL MEDAL—The award of this medal was due in 1951 and the Council accepted the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board and decided to award the medal to Dr. A. C. Ukil for his conspicuously important contributions to Medical as well as Biological Sciences with special reference to India.

ANNANDALE MEMORIAL MEDAL—This medal too was to be awarded in 1951 and the Council in accordance with the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board decided to award the medal to Dr. Verrier Elwin for conspicuously important contributions to the study of Anthropology in India.

DR. B. C. LAW GOLD MEDAL—As this medal is to be conferred on a scholar for conspicuously important contributions to History, Geography Philosophy, Religions, Ethnology, etc. with special reference to India from the earliest times down to the thirteenth century A.D. the Council in pursuance of the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board decided to award the Medal to Dr. Hem Chandra Raychaudhuri for his valuable researches in Indian History, Geography and Culture.

SIR JADUNATH SARKAR GOLD MEDAL—As the award of this medal too was to be made this year the Council, accepting the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board concerned, decided to bestow the medal on Dr. Kalikaranjan Qanungo for his conspicuously important contributions to the mediaeval History of India.

INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS MEDAL—As the Session of the Indian Science Congress was to take place in Calcutta this year, the award of the medal became due, and accordingly as per recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board, the Council decided to confer this medal on Dr. B. Mukherji, the General Secretary of the Indian Science Congress for his conspicuous services to that body.

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LIBRARY

Cataloguing

PRINTED BOOKS—In the General Section the work of cataloguing, begun in 1949, was steadily pursued, but with the reduction of staff to one Technical Assistant the progress was rather slow in comparison with the heavy amount of work in this respect. There still remain about 39,000 volumes to be catalogued and the normal output of one Technical Assistant is likely to take more than a decade to complete the entire old stock. About 18,000 volumes, previously catalogued in sheaf, was due to be transferred in card and the work has been taken up towards the close of the year. The cataloguing of printed books in the Sanskritic Section is nearly complete and with the completion of this work the Technical Assistant for this section will take up the cataloguing of printed books in the General section to speed up the work. In the Islamic Section the want of a catalogue of printed books is strongly felt and the work has to be taken up as soon as the cataloguing of manuscripts in that section is completed.

MANUSCRIPTS—In the Sanskritic Section a Descriptive Catalogue of manuscripts in the Indian Museum and the Society's collections has been planned in ten volumes and of these the Philosophy volume was sent to the press during the year and the Grammar volume made ready. Of the five remaining volumes of Sastri's Descriptive Catalogue of manuscripts in the Government Collection, Vol. XI is nearly printed off, while the revision of Vols. XII and XIII is in Progress. In the Islamic Section the cataloguing of undescribed Arabic manuscripts is being continued, the total number catalogued during the year being 155. For the Sino-Tibetan Section and for miscellaneous manuscripts in Burmese, Ceylonese, Siamese, Javanese etc., proper lists have to be made.

COPPERPLATES—An up-to-date revised catalogue of copperplates in the Society's Library is in preparation.

Accessions

Exclusive of periodicals, the total number of accessions in the Printed Division of the Library was 655 volumes during the year against 549 of 1950. Of these 332 volumes were purchased and the rest received as presentations. In the latter category mention should particularly be made of 104 volumes of Persian books presented by the Cultural Counsellor to the Iran Embassy at New Delhi. The Society reciprocated the courtesy by sending to the Library of the embassy the available Persian texts and translations published by the Society in the Bibliotheca Indica series. The total number of issues of serial publications received during the year by exchange, gift and sub-

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scription was 1,687. The total amount spent on purchase of books, including subscriptions to periodicals, was Rs. 6,773.

ACCESSION LISTS—Eleven classified lists of new accessions to the Library were issued during the year.

Exchanges

During the year ten new serials were approved for exchange. They represent publications on different branches of arts and sciences by institutions in different parts of the world. Regarding resumption of old exchanges, held up during the war, the list has reached its pre-war level, excepting only the serials from a few institutions in Germany. One new serial has been added to the Library during the year under report by subscription.

Photostats and Micro-films

A photostatic copy of the India office manuscript of *Tarikhi-i-Bangalah* has been prepared for the Society's Library.

Micro-film Services

With the help of the Technician of the Indian Statistical Institute the Library met during the year a number of requisitions from institutions in India as well as abroad for micro-films and photostats of manuscripts and other materials in its possession. The demand for such services has been growing of late and the opening of a Micro-films Section is being felt a great desideratum not only to meet such requisitions but also to have copies prepared of the Society's own treasures.

Utilisation of the Library

During the year under report 1945 printed volumes were lent out against 1943 in the last year. There was also a distinct rise in the number of readers, the total number for the year being 3,339 i.e. a daily average of 12 against 2,906 and 10 respectively in 1950. There have been frequent requisitions for individual reservation of seats by regular readers which it has not been possible to meet due to limited accommodation in the Reading rooms. The want of a properly equipped Reading room with larger accommodations is being strongly felt. The total number of volumes used in the Reading rooms during the year was 31,366, i.e. an average of 105 daily.

27 manuscripts were lent out during the year against 28 of 1950. Manuscripts used in the Reading Rooms numbered 4408, i.e. an average of 15 daily, against 5,688 and 19 respectively in 1950.

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Bibliographical Services

The Society's Library had been on frequent demand by institutions (Government and Public) and individuals for bibliographical services and these were met to the satisfaction of the parties concerned.

Sri S. Chaudhuri, the Deputy Librarian, prepared during the year a Bibliography on Tibet, which had been on requisition by institutions like the Visva-Bharati and others. Sri Chaudhuri has also prepared *Indices* to Vols. XIV and XV of the Journal which are in course of printing. The up-to-date revised *Index* of the Society's publications is also nearing completion.

The Librarian prepared during the year a Record of Activities and Achievements of the Asiatic Society from 1784 to 1951 for the Science Congress Souvenir volume to which he also contributed an article on the history of Calcutta. He also made several communications in the monthly meetings of the Society and delivered an illustrated talk on Indian Textiles in the Indian Museum summer course of popular lectures.

Exhibition

Since 1950 exhibitions in connection with the Annual meetings of the Society are being designed to emphasise the rich and varied resources of the Society's Library for advanced studies and research in different branches of arts and sciences. The annual exhibition of 1951 was planned to illustrate how important facts of history and chronology are found embedded in what are usually regarded as rather unlikely sources, namely manuscripts and manuscript colophons. Two other exhibitions, bearing on the varied assets of the Library, were also organised during the year, one on the occasion of the visit of the members of the Chinese Cultural Delegation and the other in connection with the visit of the Commonwealth Ministers. The Society also arranged an exhibition of its manuscripts of historical interest, bearing on Nepal and Mithila, at Jaipur in connection with the sessions of the Indian Historical Records Commission and the Indian History Congress in December last.

Binding and Preservation

The total number of books bound during the year was 632 against 284 in 1950. In view of a large number of old and rare books and manuscripts requiring special binding a small bindery is being felt an urgent necessity and has to be provided for as soon as machineries and implements are available. The modest scheme of preservation, including sterilisation, fumigation and lamination, was continued. Two fumigation chambers were fully worked and two more chambers, made over by the National Archives, have

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recently been installed. Lamination work, however, had been handicapped on account of want of proper materials and shortage of staff and it is only the most urgent items that could be attended to. Old and rare manuscripts and printed books require strengthening and lamination work in a Library of the type of the Society's should be a regular feature in its day-to-day work. More than 26,000 volumes of books and manuscripts were specially cleaned and sterilised during the year, while vacuum cleaning of all shelves had been undertaken alternately every month.

Research Fellowships

In terms of the Fellowship grant from the Government of West Bengal four Research Fellowships have been made tenable at the Society. Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharya, M.A., Sir William Jones Fellow in Sanskritic studies, continued to work on *Raghunandana's Indebtedness to his Predecessors* under the supervision of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rama Prasad Mookerjee. Sri Biswanath Bandyopadhyaya, M.A., Raja Rajendra Lal Mitra Fellow in Buddhistic studies, pursued his critical edition of the text of *Laghukāla-chakra-tīkā* from an old manuscript in the Society's Library under the supervision of Dr. N. Dutt. Sri Sunil Chandra Roy, M.A., formerly James Prinsep Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics, and Janab S. M. Imamuddin, M.A., formerly R. G. Casey Fellow in Islamic studies, received each the D.Phil. degree of the Calcutta University on the theses prepared in connection with their work in the Society. Their successors, Sri Arabinda Ghosh, M.A. and Janab Mohiuddin Ahmed, M.A. worked respectively on a *Revised List of Brāhmī Inscriptions from the earliest times to 600 A.D.* (excepting those of Asoka), and on an annotated translation of *Kitab-ul-Kharaj* of Imam Abu Yusuf, the former under Dr. J. N. Banerjea and the latter under Principal Said Ahmad. The progress of each has been certified to be satisfactory by the supervisor concerned. Janab Mohiuddin Ahmad, however, resigned his Fellowship in October, 1951 on securing service elsewhere.

Permanent Library Endowment Fund

The total amount now to the credit of the Fund is Rs. 21,964.

Out of 365 days in the year the Library worked for 299 days.

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL—The following issues were published during the year:—

(1) Journal, Vol. XVII, Letters, Nos. 1 and 2.

(2) Journal, Vol. XVII, Science, (complete in one issue).

Books Published

1. *Descriptive Catalogue of Bengali and Assamese Mss.* by Sri P. C. Paul.

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2. *The Vidhāna Pārijāta,* Chaturtha Stabaka by Pandit Iswar Chandra Sastri.
3. *Nātya Śāstra* by Dr. M. M. Ghose.

Books in the Press

1. *The Index of both the volumes of "Blue Annals"* by Dr. G. N. Roerich.
2. *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss.* (Philosophy—Government Collection), Vol. XI, prepared by MM. H. P. Shastri, and revised by Prof. N. C. Vedantatirtha.
3. *Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss.* (Philosophy in the Society's and Museum Collections) compiled by Sri Pulin Behari Chakravarty and Prof. N. C. Vedantatirtha.
4. *Saddharma-Pundarika,* edited by Dr. N. Dutt.
5. *Kiraṇāvali,* edited by Prof. N. C. Vedantatirtha.
6. *Dānasāgara,* edited by Pt. Bhabatosh Bhattacharya.
7. *Maāthir-ul-Umarā,* edited by Dr. Baini Prashad.
8. *Khazā'in-ul-Futūh,* edited by Dr. Wahid Mirza.
9. *Journal,* Vol. XVII, Letters, No. 3.
10. *Year Book* for 1950, Vol. XVII, 1951.
11. *Upper Atmosphere* by Dr. S. K. Mitra (2nd revised edition).
12. *Inscriptions of Kambuja* by Dr. R. C. Mazumdar.

Books Ready for the Press

1. *Aṣṭasāhasrikā-Prajñāpāramitā* (English Translation), edited by Dr. Edward Conge.
2. *Manasā-Vijaya,* edited by Dr. Sukumar Sen.
3. *Kauthuma-Gṛihyasūtram,* edited by Dr. Surjya Kanta.
4. *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss., Grammar.*

Books under Preparation

1. *Tabaqāt-i-Akbarī, Vol. I* (English translation)—Revised edition by Prof. N. B. Roy.
2. *Vishṇu and Nārada Smṛti,* edited by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.
3. *The Index of Society's Publications* (1788-1951), prepared by Sri Shibdas Chaudhuri.

The progress of Publications is up to the mark in spite of the fact that for some time during the year there was no separate Publication Assistant.

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Sales of Publications

Figures of sales for the last 10 years are appended below:

Year	*Amount* Rs.	As.	P.
1942	3,638	0	0
1943	4,991	0	0
1944	14,320	0	0
1945	10,059	0	0
1946	9,262	0	0
1947	8,446	0	0
1948	20,543	0	0
1949	24,614	0	0
1950	13,791	0	0
1951	14,378	5	0

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

14 Public Lectures and 9 Discussion Meetings were held during the year 1951 and the average attendance at the former was 8 members and 16 visitors, and at the latter 10 members and 15 visitors. Besides these, 12 Monthly Meetings inclusive of one Extraordinary General Meeting were held, the average attendance in which was 14 members and 7 visitors. Some of the discussion meetings and public lectures were well attended.

The following papers were read in the Monthly Meetings:—

Dr. B. S. Guha—*The Indian Aborigines and Their Administration.*

Prof. R. Henkl—*The Clay Images from Fondoukistan.*

Dr. S. L. Hora—*Fish in the Rāmāyaṇa.*

Dr. S. L. Hora—*Knowledge of the Ancient Hindus concerning Fish and Fisheries of India. 3. Matsyavinoda or a chapter on Angling in the Mānasollāsa of King Someśvara* (1127 A.D.)

Dr. D. C. Sircar—*Notes on some Inscriptions in the R.A.S.B.*

Sri Maheswar Neog—*The worship of Dharma in Assam.*

Sri N. B. Roy—*Shadipur Inscription of Sultan Ghiyasuddin Mahmud Shah.*

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Sri Basanta Kumar Chattopadhyaya—*The Upaniṣads and Vedic Sacrifices.*

Sri B. Burman—*The Pātras of Sylhet.*

Dr. E. W. Gudger—*Fishing with the Hands in certain countries of Asia.*

Dr. Priyatosh Banerjee—*Angul Copper-plate of Dharmamahādevī.*

Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya—*Korku Physical and Racial Affinities.*

Dr. H. J. J. Winter and Mr. Arshad Mirza.—*Concerning the Persian Version of Līlāvatī.*

Rev. J. Gausdal—*Ancestral and Sacrificial clans among the Santals.*

Dr. Dinesh Chandra Sircar—(i) *Chicacole Plates of Gañga Anantavarman, and* (ii) *Chicacole Plates of Gañga Devendravarman.*

Sri A. C. Nag—*Construction of Fertility Tables for Indians and Studies therefrom.*

Titles of subjects of Discussion Meetings and Public Lectures are given below:

Discussion Meetings

Date	*Opener*	*Society*
11. 1. 51	Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya	Society and Culture.
18. 1. 51	Dr. K. P. Biswas ...	Plant Life in Water.
25. 1. 51	Dr. S. P. Chatterjee ...	Land Utilization Survey, its Scope and Technique.
15. 2. 51	Sri Basanta Kumar Chattopadhyaya	Śañkara and Rāmānuja.
22. 2. 51	Prof. P. Ray ...	Modern Alchemy (*Illustrated*).
22. 3. 51	Prof. P. Ray ...	Modern Alchemy (*Illustrated*).
5. 7. 51	Prof. Charan Das Chatterjee, (Lucknow University)	India and Ceylon: a millennium of Cultural relationship.

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2. 8. 51	Prof. Nirmal Kumar Bose	Caste in India.
9. 8. 51	Prof. Nirmal Kumar Bose	Caste in India.
22. 11. 51	Sri S. N. Sen ...	Decline and Growth of Science in the Middle Ages.
27. 12. 51	Dr. (Mrs.) Bani Chatterji	Music and Science (with demonstration).

General Lectures

9. 1. 51	Shriman Lal Saheb Kumar Prafulla Chandra Bhanj Deo	Tantra and Buddhism.
7. 2. 51	Shriman Lal Saheb Kumar Prafulla Chandra Bhanj Deo	The Kāpālika and Aghora Schools of Tantra.
14. 3. 51	Principal Dr. S. R. Sen Gupta	Gas Turbines (*Illustrated*).
10. 4. 51	Prof. N. B. Roy ...	The Battle of Buxar.
17. 4. 51	Dr. Dorothy Spencer ...	The Mediative Function of Munda Law.
25. 9. 51	Dr. P. C. Gupta ...	Early days of The Asiatic Society.
22. 11. 51	Dr. J. B. Chaudhuri ...	The Bengali Commentators of the Meghaduta.
8. 12. 51	Dr. J. E. Van Lohuizen-de Leeuw ...	Archaeological Work in Indonesia (*Illustrated*).
18. 12. 51	Dr. S. P. Sen ...	Early days of The Asiatic Society (II).

Exhibits

The following exhibits were shown and commented upon:

April

DR. M. Z. SIDDIQI. The Kitabul'-Ta'liqati-Wan'-Nawadir, of Abu 'Ali Harun b. Zakariyya-al-Hajri, one of the most precious and rarest literary gems possessed by the Asiatic Society.

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May

SRI S. K. SARASWATI. A few documents relating to slavery in Bengal.

July

1. DR. R. C. MAJUMDAR. Three East Indian Illustrated manuscripts in the College of Indology, Hindu University, Banaras: Photographs of—

   (*i*) Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā copied in the fourth year of the reign of Rāmapāladeva.

   (*ii*) Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā copied in the fourth year of the reign of Govindapāla.

   (*iii*) Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā copied in Lakṣmaṇa Saṁvat 4(?)

2. SRI S. K. SARASWATI. A copper coin of Vyāghra.

August

PROF. K. M. MAITRA. A unique Persian manuscript in the Society's Library—Malfuzat-i-Ahmad-i-Maghribi (No. Sc. 247/E295) Indian Nastaliq, 849H/1446 A.D.

September

1. SRI S. K. SARASWATI. A bronze image of Sūrya from Bengal in a private collection.

2. SRI P. CHAKRAVARTI. A manuscript of Upādhyāya-nirapeksha, a commentary on the Kāmandakīya-Nītisāra (No. G.890) Country-made paper. Nāgara script. No date.

3. DR. S. L. HORA. American and Australian Literature for popularising Zoos and Museums.

FINANCE

Appendix II contains the statements showing the accounts for 1951. The new form of accounts introduced in 1948 is being followed and this will enable the members to get an idea easily of the financial position of the Society at the end of the year under report.

The Fund Accounts show the invested assets and the Investment Account (No. 32) shows the allocations of invested papers in respect of each fund separately.

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In Statement No. 34 will be found the Balance Sheet of the Society and the different funds administered.

Steps are being taken to transfer to the Permanent Reserve Fund the compounding fees of Rs. 608 received during the year.

The Government of West Bengal continued the 20% cut in some of the Grants sanctioned for the year 1951 although representations were made requesting restoration of the cut, as the same was imposed during the war years as an emergency measure only. The Special Annual Grant of Rs. 20,000 sanctioned by the Government of India for the first time in 1946-47 was reduced to Rs. 10,000 during the year 1950-51 and that amount was received during the calendar year 1951 but so far no intimation has been received about the renewal of the grant of Rs. 10,000 only for the year 1951-52. The Government of India further sanctioned (1) a grant of Rs. 5,000 specially earmarked for the Arabic and Persian Manuscripts and the Cataloguing Fund, (2) another non-recurring grant of Rs. 7,000 for the preservation of manuscripts and (3) a further non-recurring grant of Rs. 10,000 towards the expenses of the publications of the Society. These three amounts sanctioned during the financial year 1950-51 were received in March 1951. It is not known yet whether any of these grants will be renewed for the year 1951-52. As a result of this uncertainty regarding receipt of Government grants there may be a setback in the work of the Islamic Section and the schemes initiated for improving the work of preservation of manuscripts, and the publication of hitherto unpublished works of cultural importance will have to be modified considerably.

In Appendix IV will be found the Budget Estimates showing the probable receipts and expenditure for the year 1952. It will be seen therefrom that the budgetary position is satisfactory, because in this budget there is a surplus of over rupees eight thousand. This is due to the fact that the rent and hoarding charges which could not be realised ever since December 1949 due to a technical difficulty will come in during 1952. The surplus will go towards wiping off of a part of the deficits of the last 2 years.

Special efforts are being made for effecting an all-round improvement of the Library through the acquisition of rare books and manuscripts and by speeding up the progress of cataloguing. Without an up-to-date Catalogue of books and the Descriptive Catalogue of the unique manuscript collections, research scholars and workers throughout India will not be able to utilise the valuable contents of the Society's Library to a greater extent than at present. The publication of several items bearing on different topics of Indological interest will have to be continued as usual. These and other needs of the Society cannot be attended to properly if the finances are not controlled with care and foresight.

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Grants for Research and Research Activities

The then Government of Bengal sanctioned a grant of Rs. 10,000 in the first instance for 5 years in the year 1945 for the publication of works hitherto unpublished, relating to the History of Bengal and Bihar. The work is continuing under the editorship of Sir Jadunath Sarkar but the West Bengal Government did not renew this grant any more though requested last year to do so.

The Government of West Bengal sanctioned a grant of Rs. 7,200 for the creation of the four research fellowships noted below but no intimation regarding renewal of that grant for the financial year 1951-52 has been received up to the date of compilation of the report.

(1) Sir William Jones Fellowship for Sanskritic Studies.

(2) James Prinsep Fellowship for researches in Epigraphy and Numismatics.

(3) Rajendra Lal Mitra Fellowship for Buddhistic Studies.

(4) R. G. Casey Fellowship for Islamic Studies.

NEW BUILDING FOR THE SOCIETY

For some years past the special attention of the members had been focussed on the necessity of having a more commodious building erected in place of the present one which is old and too small for the growing needs and expansion of the cultural activities of the Society. Previously it was decided to construct a structure of at least 5-storeys on the site of the present one but in that case during the period of construction of the same, some alterative accommodation would have been required. The Building Sub-Committee, therefore, modified the original scheme and rightly thought of having a 3-storeyed annexe to the old one on the plot of Society's land which has been leased out to the Standard Vacuum Oil Company. The Building Scheme, however, could not be finalised because of the loss that would be incurred in cashing the Government Securities now held in the Permanent Reserve Fund. Accordingly other ways and means will have to be devised in order that without disposing of the Government Securities, the new building might be commenced.

Printers

The Printers for the numerous publications of the Society were the same as in the year 1950.

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Selling Agents

The Selling Agents for the Society's publications in Europe, America and India remained as before, but the sales did not improve as expected, because of the various restrictions imposed by the Government of India about the free movement of articles for destinations outside India.

Solicitors

The Society's Solicitors were Messrs. B. N. Basu and Co. and thanks are due to them for extending co-operation and help whenever sought for.

Auditors

The Auditors, Price, Waterhouse, Peat and Co. audited the accounts promptly and efficiently and so they also deserve the thanks of the Society.

APPENDIX III

List of Members of the Council, Committees, Sub-Committees, etc., of the Asiatic Society for 1951

COUNCIL

President—Prof. Dr. S. K. Mitra.
Vice-Presidents—Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Mr. K P. Khaitan, Sir Paul Benthall.
General Secretary—Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray.
Hony. Treasurer—Dr. S. C. Law.
Philological Secretary—Dr. N. Dutt.
Jt. Philological Secretary—Mr. Said Ahmad Akberabadi.
Natural History Secretaries— (*Physical Science*)—Dr. D. M. Bose. (*Biology*)—Dr. K. P. Biswas.
Anthropological Secretary—Rev. Dr. W. G. Griffiths.
Historical and Archaeological Secretary—Dr. U. N. Ghoshal.
Medical Secretary—Dr. A. C. Ukil.
Library Secretary—Dr. S. L. Hora.
Members of Council—Prof. J. M. Sen, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Sir Dr. J. C. Ghosh, Dr. J. B. Auden.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A. Cultural

President, General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Principal Said Ahmad, Mrs. Dr. Bani Chatterji, Dr. N. Dutt, Rai Bahadur B. B. Mukherji, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Mr. P. Singh, Mr. S. K. Saraswati, Prof. Nirmal Kumar Bose.

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B. Scientific

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. A. C. Ukil, Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Prof. J. M. Sen, Prof. Mihir Kumar Sen, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Sir Paul Benthall, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. P. C. Sarvadhikary, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. W. G. Griffiths, Mr. T. C. Das, Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. J. B. Auden, Sir Dr. J. C. Ghosh, Dr. P. K. Ghosh, and Mr. A. Mukherjea.

STANDING COMMITTEES

(1) Finance

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. L. Hora, Prof. J. M. Sen, Mr. Abani Bandhu Gupta, Mr. K. P. Khaitan, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.

(2) Library

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, Philological Secretary, Jt. Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Historical and Archaeological Secretary, Medical Secretary, Library Secretary (*ex-officio*), Dr. J. B. Auden, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

(3) Publication

President, General Secretary, and Hony. Treasurer, 8 Sectional Secretaries (*ex-officio*), Sir Paul Benthall, Dr. Sukumar Sen, Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Sir Jadunath Sarkar.

(4) Bibliotheca Indica

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. N. Dutt, Principal Said Ahmad.

OTHER COMMITTEES

(1) Building Committee

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. D. M. Bose, Mr. Bernard Matthews, Mr. K. P. Khaitan, Dr. S. L. Hora, and Sir Paul Benthall.

(2) Membership

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.

(3) Rules Revision Committee

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Prof. J. M. Sen, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, and Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen.

SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) Sanskritic Sub-Committee for preparation of a planned long-term programme for publication of a work of encyclopaedic and systematic character.

President, General Secretary, Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Philological Secretary, Dr. S. K. Dey, Dr. Satkori Mookerjee and Prof. Durga Mohan Bhattacharjya.

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(2) Islamic Sub-Committee for Ditto.

President, General Secretary, Principal Said Ahmad, and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

(3) Sub-Committee to consider the letter of the Government of India about acceptance of the conditions for grants imposed by that Government.

Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. S. C. Law, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. L. Hora, Prof. J. M. Sen, Mr. Abani Bandhu Gupta, Mr. K. P. Khaitan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. D. M. Bose.

MEDAL ADVISORY BOARDS

(1) Barclay Memorial Medal

Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil), Dr. R. N. Chaudhuri, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Sir Paul Benthall, Dr. D. M. Bose and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri.

(2) Dr. B. C. Law Gold Medal

Donor (Dr. B. C. Law), Philological Secretary (Dr. N. Dutt), Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. N. Ray, Dr. W. G. Griffiths, Dr. P. C. Bagchi, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Mr. T. N. Ramachandran.

(3) Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal

Donor (Dr. B. C. Law), Jt. Philological Secretary (Principal Said Ahmed), Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. R. K. Mukherjee, Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. N. Ray, Dr. Baini Prashad and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

(4) Annandale Memorial Medal

Anthropological Secretary (Dr. W. G. Griffiths), Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil), Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri and Prof. Nirmal Bose.

(5) Indian Science Congress Medal

Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), Physical Science Secretary (Dr. D. M. Bose), Anthropological Secretary (Dr. W. G. Griffiths), Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil), General Secretary (Dr. N. Ray), Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. B. Mukherji, Dr. K. Sanjiva Rao and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri.

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APPENDIX I

Membership Statistics from 1902—1951

for the last 50 years

(Year ending on the 31st of December)

YEAR	ORDINARY								EXTRA ORDINARY					FELLOWS		
	PAYING				NON-PAYING											
	Resident	Non-Resident	Foreign	Total Paying	Absent	Life	Total Non-Paying	Total Ordinary Members	Centenary Honorary	Associate (Non-Paying)	Institutional	Special Aniversary Honorary member	Total Extra Ordinary	Grand Total Membership	Honorary	Ordinary
1902 ...	126	116	14	256	47	21	68	324	4	13	...	...	17	341	26	...
1903 ...	127	126	14	267	46	21	67	334	4	13	...	...	17	351	24	...
1904 ...	132	130	14	276	46	21	67	343	4	13	...	...	17	360	30	...
1905 ...	144	133	12	289	48	20	68	357	4	13	...	...	17	374	29	...
1906 ...	173	147	15	335	52	20	72	407	4	12	...	...	16	423	30	...
1907 ...	174	175	20	369	31	20	51	420	4	12	...	...	16	436	28	...
1908 ...	181	193	17	391	38	19	57	448	4	13	...	...	17	465	30	...
1909 ...	183	217	13	413	40	20	60	473	4	14	...	...	18	491	28	...
1910 ...	209	217	16	442	43	23	66	508	4	14	...	...	18	526	27	...
1911 ...	200	225	19	444	53	22	75	519	3	14	...	...	17	536	28	17
1912 ...	203	229	19	451	43	23	66	517	3	13	...	...	16	533	27	19
1913 ...	200	211	19	430	46	23	69	499	3	14	...	...	17	516	27	19
1914 ...	191	187	19	397	50	26	76	473	3	14	...	...	17	490	24	19
1915 ...	171	188	21	380	40	25	65	445	3	15	...	...	18	463	29	27
1916 ...	145	159	18	322	60	25	85	407	3	15	...	...	18	425	26	31
1917 ...	150	144	15	309	45	24	69	378	2	12	...	...	14	392	26	33
1918 ...	153	145	17	315	43	24	67	382	2	10	...	...	12	394	22	35
1919 ...	141	128	15	284	64	25	89	373	2	11	...	...	13	386	22	39
1920 ...	161	134	15	310	32	26	58	368	2	11	...	...	13	381	18	36
1921 ...	160	132	16	308	26	26	52	360	2	12	...	...	14	374	28	38
1922 ...	160	141	16	317	26	26	52	369	2	13	...	...	15	384	28	40
1923 ...	147	120	13	280	30	27	57	337	2	11	...	...	13	350	30	39
1924 ...	209	134	12	355	29	28	57	412	2	12	...	...	14	426	28	37
1925 ...	263	137	12	412	23	27	50	462	2	12	...	...	14	476	27	37
1926 ...	319	162	20	501	23	28	51	552	2	12	...	...	14	566	26	34
1927 ...	328	167	18	513	28	33	61	574	2	13	...	...	15	589	25	34
1928 ...	344	167	23	534	42	46	88	622	1	12	2	...	15	637	28	38
1929 ...	331	181	21	533	46	49	95	628	1	10	2	...	13	641	27	43
1930 ...	291	194	37	522	22	52	74	596	1	8	5	...	14	610	29	47
1931 ...	228	184	29	441	26	52	78	519	1	8	5	..	14	533	29	46
1932 ...	222	126	23	371	27	54	81	452	1	7	6	...	14	466	28	45
1933 ...	194	126	27	347	33	56	89	436	...	7	7	...	14	450	26	49
1934 ...	217	112	30	359	26	57	83	442	...	6	7	12	25	467	26	47
1935 ...	206	107	28	341	28	56	84	425	...	5	10	11	26	451	24	44
1936 ...	214	106	24	344	16	55	71	415	...	5	12	11	28	443	21	46
1937 ..	205	99	29	333	20	55	75	408	...	5	12	10	27	435	19	49
1938 ...	193	98	21	312	24	54	78	390	...	4	12	10	26	416	19	45
1939 ...	187	103	21	311	21	54	75	386	...	6	12	10	28	414	22	46
1940 ...	190	108	18	316	14	57	71	387	...	7	12	10	29	416	22	46
1941 ...	173	113	16	302	22	58	80	382	...	6	12	9	27	409	21	49
1942 ...	171	108	12	291	28	56	84	375	...	6	12	9	27	402	18	48
1943 ...	195	125	12	332	23	57	80	412	...	6	12	9	27	439	17	48
1944 ...	240	148	13	401	23	59	82	483	...	8	14	10	32	515	16	45
1945 ...	418	176	23	617	20	77	97	714	...	10	16	10	36	750	14	46
1946 ...	602	199	21	822	20	83	103	925	...	9	17	10	36	961	14	43
1947 ...	665	205	28	898	31	87	118	1016	...	9	19	10	38	1054	13	41
1948 ...	671	204	24	899	29	92	121	1020	...	10	19	10	39	1059	14	43
1949 ...	665	219	24	908	29	92	121	1029	...	10	21	10	41	1070	14	41
1950 ...	623	212	12	847	28	96	124	971	...	10	23	10	43	1014	13	42
1951 ..	620	196	7	823	28	95	123	946	...	10	24	10	44	990	13	45

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APPENDIX IV

BUDGET ESTIMATES, 1952

RECEIPTS

Budget Heads	Actuals 1949	Actuals 1950	Budget Estimates 1951	Revised Estimates 1951	Budget Estimates 1952
I Interest on Investments	9,016	9,106	9,106	9,106	9,105
II Interest on Fixed Deposit	450	450	150	450	—
III Advertisement	10,200	—	20,400	—	30,600
IV Rent	11,580	6,050	17,360	5,325	23,675
V Miscellaneous	2,400	1,024	1,000	1,040	1,000
VI Members' Subscription	20,500	18,500	20,000	20,050	20,000
VII Admission Fees	2,530	2,530	2,500	1,500	1,500
VIII Compounding Fees	700	600	600	610	1,200
IX Special Grant, Govt. of India	20,000	18,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
X Proportionate Share for General Expenditure from:					
1. Oriental Publication Fund No. 1	2,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
2. Publication Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	—
3. Sanskrit Mss. Fund.	1,500	—	—	—	—
4. Arabic and Persian Fund	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
	84,876	64,760	89,116	56,081	102,580

EXPENDITURE

Budget Heads	Actuals 1949	Actuals 1950	Budget Estimates 1951	Revised Estimates 1951	Budget Estimates 1952
I Salaries:					
Salary of Office Staff	20,010	20,240	22,400	19,780	21,200
Salary of Library Staff	10,835	13,460	14,800	14,240	14,780
Salary of Leave Reserve	—	—	1,200	350	800
II Provident Fund Contribution	1,000	1,738	1,800	1,770	1,850
IIIA General Secretary's Conveyance Allowances	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
IIIB Dearness Allowances:					
Office Staff	8,330	8,330	8,350	8,810	9,780
Library Staff	4,060	4,640	4,650	5,250	5,700
IV Interim Reliefs:					
Office Subordinate Staff	2,520	2,909	2,910	1,255	—
Library Subordinate Staff	1,348	1,710	1,710	685	—
V Gratuity	—	3,575	—	405	—
VI Commission	620	540	600	575	600
VII Stationery	1,810	2,330	2,000	1,575	2,000
VIII Printing Notices, Circular, etc.	1,602	2,820	2,500	3,145	4,000
IX Contingencies & Miscellaneous	1,382	1,470	1,700	1,750	2,000
X Postage	2,893	1,860	2,000	1,830	2,000
XI Electric Charges	1,613	2,070	2,000	2,250	2,250
XII Telephones	520	470	500	465	500
XIII Transfer to Building Repair Fund	1,500	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
XIV Taxes	2,832	1,913	4,000	6,085	4,800
XV Insurance	750	750	750	1,270	750
XVI Lower Subordinate Staff Uniforms	35	275	550	560	270
XVII Furniture (Purchase & Repair	102	206	200	25	250
XVIII Audit Fee	650	650	650	650	650
XIX Library Book Purchase	6,547	7,500	7,000	6,540	7,000
XX Library Book Binding	1,002	750	1,000	1,510	1,500
XXI Library Improvement (including Stock-taking, Cataloguing and Card-Indexing)	6,000	5,180	8,000	5,500	6,500
XXII General Improvement and Publication	4,000	300	400	350	400
XXIII Transfer of Compounding Fee to Permanent Reserve	1,200	600	600	600	1,200
	84,961	92,086	95,570	90,525	94,080

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Abstract Statement

of

Receipts and Disbursements

of

The Asiatic Society

for

the Year 1951

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STATEMENT NO. 1. *General*

Income and Expenditure Account

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
TO ESTABLISHMENT:						
General Secretary's Allowances	1,800	0	0			
Salaries	34,546	4	0			
Commission	575	1	0			
Dearness Allowance ...	14,080	10	0			
Interim Relief	1,943	7	0			
				52,945	6	0
GENERAL EXPENDITURE:						
Stationery	1,506	3	9			
Electric Charges	2,256	1	0			
Telephone	440	4	0			
Taxes	6,082	14	9			
Postage	1,687	8	9			
Contingencies	1,814	3	5			
Printing Circulars, Forms, etc.	3,027	8	0			
Audit Fee	650	0	0			
Insurance	1,267	4	0			
Lower Subordinate Staff, Uniforms	563	13	3			
Furniture and Repairs ...	24	0	0			
Solicitor's Fee	1,304	0	0			
				20,623	12	11
Gratuity		...		405	0	0
LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS:						
Books	6,773	4	6			
Binding	1,368	10	0			
Improvement, including Reading Room accommodation, Stock-taking and Safety Measures	5,708	11	3			
				13,850	9	9
Publication and General Improvement ...				309	15	3
Provident Fund Contributions, 1951 ...				1,768	15	0
				89,903	10	11
Transfer to Building Repair Fund Account ...				1,500	0	0
SUNDRY ADJUSTMENTS:						
Arrears of Members' Subscription written off ...				4,830	0	0
BALANCE AS PER BALANCE SHEET:						
3% G. P. Notes, Rs. 2,87,200		...				
4½% Loan, Rs. 11,400		...				
	2,98,600	0	0			
Deficit at date	6,246	0	8			
				2,92,353	15	4
				3,88,587	10	3

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Fund. *1951*

for the year ended 31st December, 1951.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
BY BALANCE FROM LAST ACCOUNT		3,40,803 3 7
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Interest on Investments ...	9,106 0 0	
Interest on Fixed Deposits ...	450 0 0	
Rent	4,950 0 0	
Miscellaneous	1,093 6 8	
		15,599 6 8
PERSONAL ACCOUNT:		
Members' Subscriptions ...	21,873 0 0	
Admission Fees	1,704 0 0	
Compounding Fees ...	608 0 0	
		24,185 0 0
TRANSFER FROM FUNDS:		
Proportionate Share in General Expenditure—		
O.P. Fund No. 1 Account	3,500 0 0	
Arabic and Persian MSS. Fund Account ...	2,000 0 0	
Publication Fund Account	2,500 0 0	
		8,000 0 0
		3,88,587 10 3

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STATEMENT No. 2. *Oriental Publication*

From a monthly grant made by the Government of Bengal, for the Languages (Rs. 500, Less 20% from the 1st of April, 1932, and for

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Proportionate Share in General Expenditure	.....	3,500 0 0
Editing	.....	620 0 0
Purchase of paper	.....	2,549 5 0
Printing	.....	3,519 2 9
Binding	.....	313 2 0
Amount transferred to Sanskrit MSS. Fund ...	.....	1,900 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 5,000 3% War Loan, 1958	5,000 0 0	
Rs. 5,000 3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000 0 0	
Fixed Deposit	25,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	3,315 5 1	
		38,315 5 1
		50,716 14 10

STATEMENT No. 3. *Oriental Publication*

From an annual grant made by the Government of Bengal of Historical (*Less 20% from*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Printing	.....	11,107 1 6
Purchase of paper	.....	336 10 6
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	26 5 2
		11,470 1 2

STATEMENT No. 4. *Sanskrit Manuscripts*

From an annual grant of Rs. 3,200 made by the Government of acquired by the Society ; and Rs. 3,600 from the same Government

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Printing	.....	4,012 15 3
Salary	.....	3,480 0 0
Purchase of paper	.....	635 7 3
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 5,000 3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000 0 0	
Deficit at date	4,997 7 2	
		2 8 10
		8,130 15 4

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Fund No. 1, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

Publication of Oriental Works and Works of Instruction in Eastern
the publication of Sanskrit Works hitherto unpublished, Rs. 250.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	40,867 14 10
Annual Grant	.....	9,100 0 0
Interest realized during the year	.....	299 0 0
Interest from Fixed Deposit ...	.....	450 0 0
		50,716 14 10

Fund No. 2, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

Rs. 30000 for the publication of Arabic and Persian Works of
Interest.
the 1st of April, 1932.)

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	2,620 1 2
Annual Grant	.....	2,400 0 0
Transfer from Publication Fund	.....	6,450 0 0
		11,470 1 2

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

Bengal for the publication of the Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts
(*Less 20% from the 1st of April, 1932.*)
for Research Work.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	1 7 4
Annual Grant	.....	6.080 0 0
Interest realized during the year	.....	149 8 0
Transfer from Oriental Publication Fund No. 1	.....	1,900 0 0
		8,130 15 4

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STATEMEMT NO. 5. *Arabic and Persian Manuscripts*

From an annual grant Rs. 5,000 made by the Government of
Manuscripts, acquired by the Society; for the purchase of
of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Proportionate Share in General Expenditure	.....	2,000 0 0
Printing	.....	28 4 0
Cataloguing	.....	3,600 0 0
Binding	.....	59 15 6
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	3,916 6 6	
		13,916 6 6
		19,604 10 0

STATEMENT NO. 6. *Barcley Memorial*

From a sum of Rs. 500 odd given in 1896 by the Surgeon
encouragement of Medical

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 700, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	700 0 0	
Surplus at date	227 3 11	
		927 3 11
		927 3 11

STATEMENT NO. 7. *Servants' Pension*

Founded in 1876 as the Piddington Pension Fund

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Pension	.....	144 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	3,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	373 4 8	
		3,373 4 8
		3,517 4 8

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

India for the cataloguing and binding of Arabic and Persian further Manuscripts, and for the preparation of notices found in various Libraries in India.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....			14,454	10	0
Annual Grant	.....			5,000	0	0
Interest from Fixed Deposit ...	.....			150	0	0
				19,604	10	0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

General, I.M.S., for the foundation of a medal for the and Biological Sciences.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....			906	3	11
Interest realized during the year	.....			21	0	0
				927	3	11

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

with Rs. 500 odd from the Piddington Fund.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....			3,427	12	8
Interest realized during the year	.....			89	8	0
				3,517	4	8

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STATEMENT No. 8. *Annandale Memorial*

From donations by subscription

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 4,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	4,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	536	11	9			
				4,536	11	9
				4,536	11	9

STATEMENT No. 9. *Permanent Library Endowment*

From gifts received

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 14,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	14,000	0	0			
Fixed Deposit	7,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	964	7	8			
				21,964	7	8
				21,964	7	8

STATEMENT No. 10. *Sir William Jones Memorial*

From a sum gifted for the purpose

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	3,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	0	9	0			
				3,000	9	0
				3,000	9	0

STATEMENT No. 11. *Pramathanath Bose Memorial*

From a sum gifted for

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 1,800, 3% Conversion Loan 1946,	1,800	0	0			
Surplus at date	578	9	3			
				2,378	9	3
				2,378	9	3

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

started in 1926.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	4,417 3 9
Interest realized during the year	.....	119 8 0
		4,536 11 9

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

started in 1926.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	21,470 3 8
Interest realized during the year	.....	419 4 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit ...	.....	75 0 0
		21,964 7 8

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

in 1926, by Dr. U. N. Brahmachari.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	2,911 1 0
Interest realized during the year	.....	89 8 0
		3,000 9 0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

the purpose in 1935.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	2,325 1 3
Interest realized during the year	.....	53 8 0
		2,378 9 3

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STATEMENT No. 12. *Joy Gobind Law Memorial*

From a donation for the purpose

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	3,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	7	4	6			
				3,007	4	6
				3,007	4	6

STATEMENT No. 13. *Calcutta Science Congress Prize*

From a donation for the purpose by the Local Committee of

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	3,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	858	12	7			
				3,858	12	7
				3,858	12	7

STATEMENT No. 14. *Dr. Brühl Memorial*

From a sum gifted for the purpose in

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 1,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	1,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	478	3	0			
				1,478	3	0
				1,478	3	0

STATEMENT No. 15. *Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal*

From a sum gifted for the

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	8,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	741	11	9			
				8,741	11	9
				8,741	11	9

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

in 1929, by Dr. Satya Charan Law.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	2,917 12 6
Interest realized during the year	.....	89 8 0
		3,007 4 6

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

the Indian Science Congress Association (Calcutta Session), 1928.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	3,769 4 7
Interest realized during the year	.....	89 8 0
		3,858 12 7

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

1929, by the Brühl Farewell Committee.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	1,448 7 0
Interest realized during the year	.....	29 12 0
		1,478 3 0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

purpose by Dr. B. C. Law in 1943.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	8,502 3 9
Interest realized during the year	.....	239 8 0
		8,741 11 9

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STATEMENT No. 16. *Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund*

From a sum gifted by Mrs.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 4,000, 3% Victory Loan, 1957,	4,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	397 6 4	
		4,397 6 4
		4,397 6 4

STATEMENT No. 17. *Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To cost of a medal	.....	408 7 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet		
Rs. 10,000, 3% Loan, 1970-75. ...	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	465 10 6	
		10,465 10 6
		10,874 1 6

STATEMENT No. 18. *Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 8,000. 3% Conversion Loan, 1946,	8,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	675 1 9	
		8,675 1 9
		8,675 1 9

STATEMENT No. 19. *Dr. Bimala Charan Law Collection*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	953 12 6
		953 12 6

STATEMENT No. 20. *Research Fellowship*

From an annual grant of Rs. 7,200

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Scholarships	.....	5,059 0 3
Advertisement	.....	61 12 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	5,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	6,899 0 6	
		11,899 0 6
		17,019 12 9

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Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

S. C. Roy for the purpose in 1943.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	4,277 14 4
Interest realized during the year	.....	119 8 0
		4,397 6 4

Medal Fund, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

by Mr. T. P. Khaitan in 1946.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	10,575 1 6
Interest realized during the year	.....	299 0 0
		10,874 1 6

Fund, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

by Dr. B. C. Law in 1947.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	8,435 9 9
Interest realized during the year	.....	239 8 0
		8,675 1 9

Fund, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

by Dr. B. C. Law in 1947.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	953 12 6
		953 12 6

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

made by Government of Bengal in 1945-46.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	9,744 12 9
Annual Grant received during the year	.....	7,200 0 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit ...	.....	75 0 0
		17,019 12 9

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STATEMENT No. 21. *Historical Publication*

From an annual grant of Rs. 10,000

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Editing	.....	266 4 0
Contingencies	.....	6 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	23,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	1,125 0 9	
		24,125 0 9
		24,397 4 9

STATEMENT No. 22. *Rajasthani Fund in*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	1,748 7 0
		1,748 7 0

STATEMENT No. 23. *Preservation of Mss.*

From a grant received from

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Repairs	.....	666 0 0
Preservation	.....	543 0 9
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	3,137 3 3	
		13,137 3 3
		14,346 4 0

STATEMENT No. 24. *Portrait Maintenance*

From Contributions

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	678 0 0
		678 0

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

made by the Government of Bengal in 1945-46.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	24,022 4 9
Interest on Fixed Deposit ...	.....	375 0 0
		24,397 4 9

Account with A.S. *1951.*

by G. D. Birla in 1946.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	1,748 7 0
		1,748 7 0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

the Government of India in 1949-50.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	7,271 4 0
Government Grant ...	.....	7,000 0 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit ...	.....	75 0 0
		14,346 4 0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

received in 1947.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	678 0 0
		678 0 0

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STATEMENT No. 25. *Building Repair*

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...		.....	2,733 3 9
Repairs during the year ...		.....	101 15 0
			2,835 2 9

STATEMENT No. 26. *Provident Fund Account,* From contributions by the

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Payments during the year ...		.....	1,010 0 3
Cost of a stamp		.....	0 1 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—			
Rs. 5,200, 3% G. P. Notes, 1963-65,		5,200 0 0	
Savings Bank		10,136 7 0	
Advances		1,000 0 0	
			16,336 7 0
			17,346 8 3

STATEMENT No. 27. *Provident Fund Advances*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ..	.....	779 0 0
Payments during the year ...	.....	1,876 0 0
		2,655 0 0

STATEMENT No. 28. *Personal*

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...		.....	18,359 8 9
Advances ...	...	.....	1,917 9 3
A.S.B. Subscriptions etc.	...	24,185 0 0	
Book Sales, etc. ...	...	9,684 5 0	
			33,869 5 0
			54,146 7 0

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Transfer from A.S. General Fund	.....	1,500 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	1,335 2 9
		2,835 2 9

in Account with A.S. *1951.*

Society and its Staff.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	13,555 10 3
Interest realized during the year	21 2 0	
Staff Contribution for the year	1,768 15 0	
Society's Contribution for the year	1,768 15 0	
		3,559 0 0
Interest realised from Savings Bank	.....	231 14 0
		17,346 8 3

Account, in Account with A.S. *1951.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Refunds during the year ...	.....	1,655 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	1,000 0 0
		2,655 0 0

Account. *1951.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Cash Receipts during the year—		
Members' Subscriptions, etc. ...	22,545 0 0	
Book Sales, etc.	11,072 1 0	
Advances	2,364 7 3	
		35,981 8 3
Books returned	.....	86 4 0
Arrears of Members' Subscription written off, A.S. ...	.....	4,830 0 0
Publication outstandings written off, Publication Fund	.....	6 13 9
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	13,241 13 0
		54,146 7 0

Outstandings	Amount due to the Society			Amount due by the Society		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Members ..	10,472	2	0	1,134	13	0
Publications, etc.	5,144	6	0	559	[illegible]	0
Bill Collector's Deposit ..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Tagore Portrait Fund ..	..	..	..	178	0	0
Miscellaneous ..	345	0		746	15	0
	15,961	8	0	2,719	11	0

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STATEMENT NO. 29. *Publication Fund Account,*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Proportionate Share for General Expenditure	.....	2,500 0 0
Books returned	.....	86 4 0
Journal and Proceedings ...	.....	12,747 4 9
Monograph	.....	4,129 11 0
Introducing India	.....	132 2 3
Postwar Development ...	.....	3,082 4 0
Refund	.....	14 4 0
Amount transferred to Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 ...	.....	6,450 0 0
Arrears of Outstanding written off	.....	6 13 9
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 10,000, 3% Victory Loan, 1957,	10,000 0 0	
Fixed Deposits	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	2,327 10 8	
		22,327 10 8
		51,476 6 5

STATEMENT NO. 30. (1) *Deposit Account Provident Fund*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	.....	7,576 10 3
Deposit of Interest realized from loans during the year ...	21 2 0	
Deposit of Contributions during the year ...	3,537 14 0	
Deposit of Advances returned ...	1,655 0 0	
		5,214 0 0
Interest on Investments and from Bank	.....	231 14 0
		13,022 8 3

STATEMENT NO. 31. (2) *Deposit Account (Fixed*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	.....	1,20,000 0 0
Deposits during the year ...	.....	20,000 0 0
		1,40,000 0 0

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in Account with A.S. *1951.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	.....	22,356 4 5
Grant received during the year	.....	14,100 0 0
Book Sales	9,684 5 0	
Cash Sale of Publication ...	4,886 5 0	
		14,570 10 0
Interest realised during the year	.....	299 8 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit ...	.....	150 0 0
		51,476 6 5

(Savings Bank Deposit with Imperial Bank of India) *1951.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Withdrawal for Staff Advances, etc.	.....	2,886 0 3
Cost of a stamp	.....	0 1 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	10,136 7 0
		13,022 8 3

Deposit with Imperial Bank of India). *1951.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Withdrawals during the year ...	.....	50,000 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....	90,000 0 0
		1,40,000 0 0

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STATEMENT No. 32. (3) *Investments*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	.....	3,92,300 0 0
		3,92,300 0 0

FUNDS.	Face Value Rs.	
THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL		
Permanent Reserve.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	2,53,700	
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	500	
3% War Loan, 1958	5,000	
3% Defence Loan, 1953-55	10,000	
Temporary Reserve.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	18,000	
4½% Loan, 1955-60	11,400	
		2,98,600
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1.		
3% War Loan, 1958	5,000	
3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000	
Sanskrit MSS. Fund.		
3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000	
Barclay Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	700	
Servants' Pension Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Annandale Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	4,000	
Permanent Library Endowment Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	14,000	
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Promathanath Bose Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,800	
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Dr. Brühl Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,000	
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000	
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund.		
3% Victory Loan, 1957	4,000	
D. P. Khaitan Memorial Medal Fund.		
3% Loan (1970-75)	10,000	
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000	
Publication Fund.		
3% Victory Loan, 1957	10,000	
Provident Fund.		
3% Loan (1963-65)	5,200	93,700
		3,92,300

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Account. *1951.*

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	.....			3,92,300	0	0
				3,92,300	0	0

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STATEMENT NO. 33. *Cash*

For the year ended

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To						
Balance from last Account ...	...	...		12,713	5	6
General Fund Account ...	...	...		15,599	6	8
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account	...	...		9,849	0	0
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account	...	...		2,400	0	0
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account	...	...		6,229	8	0
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account	...	...		5,150	0	0
Barclay Memorial Fund Account	...	...		21	0	0
Servants' Pension Fund Account	...	...		89	8	0
Annandale Memorial Fund Account	...	...		119	8	0
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account	...	...		494	4	0
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account	...	...		89	8	0
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund Account	...	...		53	8	0
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund Account	...	...		89	8	0
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account	...	...		89	8	0
Dr. Brühl Memorial Fund Account	...	...		29	12	0
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal Fund Account				239	8	0
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account	...	...		119	8	0
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account	...	...		299	0	0
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account	...	...		239	8	0
Research Fellowship Fund Account	...	...		7,275	0	0
Historical Publication Fund Account	...	...		375	0	0
Preservation of Manuscripts Fund Account	...	...		7,075	0	0
Provident Fund Account ...	...	...		3,559	0	0
Advance Account ...	...	...		1,655	0	0
Personal Account ...	...	...		35,981	8	3
Publication Fund Account ...	...	...		19,435	13	0
Savings Bank Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India, Calcutta ...	...	...		2,886	0	3
Fixed Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India, Calcutta ...	...	...		50,000	0	0
				1,82,157	1	8

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Account.

31st December, 1951.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By						
General Fund Account				89,903	10	11
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account ...				7,001	9	9
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account ...				11,443	12	0
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account ...				8,128	6	6
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account ...				3,688	3	6
Servants' Pension Fund Account ...				144	0	0
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account				408	7	0
Research Fellowship Fund Account ...				5,120	12	3
Historical Publication Fund Account ...				272	4	0
Preservation of Mss. Fund Account				1,209	0	9
Building Repair Fund Account				101	15	0
Provident Fund Account				1,010	0	3
Advance Account				1,876	0	0
Personal Account				1,917	9	3
Publication Fund Account				20,105	10	0
Savings Bank Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India				5,214	0	0
Fixed Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India				20,000	0	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
In hand	65	6	6			
With the Imperial Bank of India, on Current Account ...	4,546	6	0			
				4,611	12	6
				1,82,157	1	8

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STATEMENT No. 34. *Balance*

As on 31st

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
General Fund Account				2,92,353	15	4
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account ...				38,315	5	1
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account ...				26	5	2
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account ...				2	8	10
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account ...				13,916	6	6
Barclay Memorial Fund Account ...				927	3	11
Servants' Pension Fund Account ...				3,373	4	8
Annandale Memorial Fund Account ...				4,536	11	9
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account ...				21,964	7	8
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account ...				3,000	9	0
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund Account ...				2,378	9	3
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund Account ...				3,007	4	6
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account ...				3,858	12	7
Dr. Brühl Memorial Fund Account ...				1,478	3	0
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal Fund Account				8,741	11	9
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account ...				4,397	6	4
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account ...				10,465	10	6
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account ...				8,675	1	9
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Collection Fund Account ...				953	12	6
Research Fellowship Fund Account ...				11,899	0	6
Historical Publication Fund Account ...				24,125	0	9
Rajasthani Fund Account				1,748	7	0
Preservation of Mss. Fund Account ...				13,737	3	3
Portrait Maintenance Fund				678	0	0
Provident Fund Account				16,336	7	0
Personal Account Sundry Liabilities ...				2,719	11	0
Publication Fund Account				22,327	10	8
				5,15,344	14	3

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the appended detailed accounts with the Books and Vouchers presented to us and report that they are in accordance therewith, and, in our opinion, set forth correctly the position of the Society as on 31st December, 1951.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE, PEAT & CO.,
Auditors,
Chartered Accountants.

Calcutta, 16th January, 1952.

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Sheet *1951.*

December, 1951.

ASSETS.

		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Building Repairs Fund Account	...	...			1,335	2	9
Advances Account	...	1,000	0	0			
Personal Account—Outstandings	...	15,961	8	0			
					16,961	8	0
Deposits:—							
Savings Bank Deposit Account Imperial Bank of India	...	10,136	7	0			
Fixed Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India:—							
Trust Funds	...	90,000	0	0	1,00,136	7	0
Investment Account:—							
General Fund	...	2,98,600	0	0			
Trust Funds	...	93,700	0	0	3,92,300	0	0
Cash Account:—							
In hand	...	65	6	6			
With the Imperial Bank of India, on Current Account	...	4,546	6	0	4,611	12	6
					5,15,344	14	3

S. C. LAW,
Honorary Treasurer.

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[APPENDIX V]

Abstract Proceedings of Council, 1951

(Rule 48f)

ACCOMMODATION.—Consideration of the letter of the Secretary, Bangiya Itihasa Parishad dated 8-2-51 about the use of the hall for a public lecture by Dr. Sukumar Sen on "Bengali Historical Works" on a suitable date in the third week of February. Allow use of the hall free of charge as a special case. This is not to be considered as a precedent. Council 14(a), 13-2-51.

Consideration of the report of the General Secretary about allowing the use of the hall on realisation of the usual fee to the "Textile Association (India)" for a public lecture on 3-2-51 in anticipation of the Council's approval, (Note: Lecture already held and usual charges paid.) Approve action taken by the General Secretary. Council 6, 13-2-51.

Consideration of the letter No. 67 GM/100 dated 9-4-51 on the subject of permission to hold meetings of the National Institute Council and Committees on May 3rd to 5th in the hall of the Society. Allow the use of the hall free of charge from 3rd to 5th May, 1951. Council 14(b), 18-4-51.

Consideration of the letter of Assistant Secretary of the Bangiya Itihasa Parishad for holding a meeting at the Society's hall in the last week of April, 1951. Allow use of the hall on realisation of the usual charge of Rs. 25/- per day. Council 14(f), 18-4-51.

Consideration of the letter dated 18-8-51 from the Chairman, Provisional Eastern Liaison Committee requesting permission to use the main Hall of the Society for inaugural function of the Committee, on Monday, the 27th August, 1951 for two hours between 5 and 7 p.m. Allow on usual terms and conditions. Council 18, 20-8-51.

Request from the Honorary Treasurer, Indian Institute of Metals for use of the Society's hall, on payment of usual charges, for a technical meeting on a date between the 3rd and the 5th October, 1951. Allow on usual turms Council 12(e) 17-9-51.

Request from the Honorary Treasurer, Indian Institute of Metals, for use of the Society's hall, on payment of the usual charges for their Annual General Meeting on two consecutive days between the 2nd and 8th January, 1952. Grant and suggest 2nd and 3rd January, or 8th and 9th January, 1952. Enhance such rates to Rs. 40/-, instead of Rs. 25/- as at present, from 1952. Council 2, 17-9-51.

Consideration of the letter dated 7-12-51 of the Offg. Secretary, Mining, Geological and Metallurgical Institute of India praying for permission to use the Hall of the Society on 25-1-52 for holding the Institute's Annual General Meeting. Allow on new terms of rental. Council 2, 17-12-51.

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Consideration of a letter No. G/5B-25/51 dated the 13th December, 1951 from the Government of West-Bengal, Labour Department, praying for the loan of the Society's Hall for holding a Seminar in February for approximately 3 weeks. Allow on new terms of rental. Council 19, 17-12-51.

BIBLIOTHECA INDICA COMMITTEE.—*Editing fee.*—Consideration of an application from Sri Bhabatosh Bhattacharya, editor "Dānasāgara" in the B.I. Series, praying for advance remuneration of Rs. 2,000/-. (*Note.*—3 forms of the book have been printed so far.) Recommended to Finance Committee for payment of Rs. 500/- on account. B. I. Com. 11-9-51, Council 4, 17-9-51.

Special Committees.—Consideration of the recommendations of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee meeting held on 11-4-51. (Circ. No. 51).

Two Sub-Committees comprising the following* be formed, to go into the question of preparation of a priority list (from among those that have already been accepted for publication) of those that can immediately be sent to press. They are also to enquire into the question of finance with reference to the publications which are already in hand. These two sub-committees shall also go into the question of preparation of a planned long-term programme for publication of a work of encyclopædic and systematic character in both the Sanskrit and Islamic sections. Ordered further: Co-opt Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee in Sanskritic Sub-Committee.

**Sanskritic publications.*—(1) the President, (2) the General Secretary, (3) Philological Secretary, (4) Dr. S. K. Dey, (5) Dr. Satcori Mukherjee, and (6) Prof. Durga Mohan Bhattacharyya.

**Islamic Section publications.*—(1) the President, (2) the General Secretary, (3) Principal Said Ahmad, and (4) Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi. Council 5, 18-4-51.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of the question of printing of Dānasāgara of Ballālasena prepared by Pt. Bhabatosh Bhattachary. (Postponed from the last meeting). Accept the rate of the Calcutta Oriental Press at Rs. 10 per page. Body types to be thin face 10 pt. and footnotes 8 pt. Time limit to be insisted on. B. I. Com. 12-1-51, Council 4, 17-1-51.

Consideration of the question of printing two Indexes of the Manusmriti prepared by the late Srinath Dutt. (*Note.*—In the O. P. Fund No. 1, the surplus money available on 31-12-50 was Rs. 40,867-14-0. As against that there were liabilities to the extent of about Rs. 16,000/- on account of (a) "Saddharma Puṇḍarika", (2) Kiraṇāvali and (3) Vidhāna Pārijāta, and (4) Dānasāgara, which were in the Press. The Society might, therefore, undertake publication of new items easily but it was to be considered whether the present subject matter might be printed as one appertaining to the B. I. Series.) Refer to Dr. R. G. Basak for opinion as to its suitability for publication. B. I. Com. 12-3-51, Council 5, 15-3-51.

Consideration of a letter of Mr. A. G. Shireff about publication of an addendum to Padmavati edited by him. Publish. B. I. Com. 11-4-51, Council 5, 18-4-51.

Consideration of the recommendations of the Sub-Committee for Sanskritic publications made at the meeting held on 7-5-51. Recommend to the Council for approval the proposals of the Subcommittee for Sanskritic publications as shown below:

(*a*) Recommend that the question of taking up an authentic and complete edition of the Purāṇas and Upapurāṇas be gone into thoroughly and Mr. Justice Mookerjee be requested to draw up a detailed scheme.

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* These two subcommittees did not meet afterwards.

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(*b*) The following items to be examined and detailed enquiries to be made about the availability of complete manuscripts and suitable editors to edit the items. A detailed report to be submitted at a subsequent meeting of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee.

(1) Karma Pradipa.

(2) Nyāya Vārttika Tātparyya Parisuddhi.

(3) Garga Saṁhitā.

(4) Bṛhati of Prabhākara Misra.

(5) Revised Edition of Kámandakiya Nitisāra, with commentary of Upādhyāya Nirapeksa.

(6) Rāyamukuta Bṛhaspati Misra's Pada-Candrikā.

Consideration of the letter of Sri Sujit Kumar Mukherjee of the Visvabharati with the proposal about reprinting of Bodhicharyāvatāra with commentaries. (Vide Circ. No. 62). Recommend that the permission sought for may be granted by the Council. B. 1. Com. 3, 16-5-51, Council 5, 23-5-51.

BUDGET.—Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on 13-11-51 (Circ. No. 182) and confirmation of the minutes of the Special Finance Committee (Budget) held on 7-12-51. (Vide Annual Report, Appendix II). Confirm. Fin. Com., 11-12-51 with the following modifications, viz.,

(a) The consideration of the budget be postponed till January, 1952.

(b) The General Secretary and Treasurer be authorised to incur recurring expenditures for the month of January, 1952, on the same basis as during January, 1951. Council 7, 17-12-51.

COUNCIL PERSONNEL.—Consideration of the question of sanctioning the conveyance allowance for the General Secretary for the year 1951 with effect from 1-3-51 to 29-2-52. (*Note.*—Similar conveyance allowance at the rate of Rs. 150/- per month is being sanctioned from year to year.) A conveyance allowance of Rs. 150/- per month with effect from 1-3-51 to 29-2-52 is sanctioned to be paid to the General Secretary. Council 13, 13-2-51.

Consideration of the letter of Dr. S. C. Law intimating that he will be away from Calcutta with effect from 13-3-51. Mr. J. M. Sen to officiate as the Honorary Treasurer with effect from 26-3-51 during the period of absence of Dr. S. C. Law. Council 14(a) 15-3-51.

Granting leave of absence to Sir Paul Benthal from 17-5-51 to 22-9-51. Grant leave as requested. Council 14(a), 23-5-51.

Consideration of the letter of Dr. S. C. Law, the Honorary Treasurer, intimating that he would be away from Calcutta with effect from 11-5-51. Allow Dr. S. C. Law leave of absence for the period of his absence from Calcutta. Mr. J. M. Sen to officiate as Honorary Treasurer during the period of his absence with effect from 11-5-51. Council 14(b), 23-5-51.

Consideration of the letter of Dr. J. B. Auden, a member of the Council intimating that he would be absent from Calcutta for about 6 months. Allow leave for the period of his absence from Calcutta. Council 15, 18-6-51.

Consideration of the question of a temporary arrangement during the absence of Dr. S. C. Law, Honorary Treasurer. Prof. J. M. Sen to officiate as Honorary Treasurer till Dr. S. C. Law rejoins. Council 2, 19-11-51.

Consideration of the composition of the Council for 1952-53, under Rule 44 (List of Council Members for 1948-51 was placed on the table). In accordance

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with Rule 44, recommend the following names for election at the annual General Meeting:

Prof. Dr. S. K. Mitra, D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S., President.
Prof. Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., F.A.S., Vice-President.
Mr. K. P. Khaitan, M.A., B.L., Barrister-at-Law, Vice-President.
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N.B.—The names with asterisks are new names proposed for the year 1952-53. Item No. 17 dated 17-12-51.

ELLIOT PRIZE.—Consideration of the question as to whether the Elliot Prize is to be awarded this year in view of the General Secretary's report that the interest of the Trust Fund cannot be drawn due to technical difficulties. No formal award until Bengal Government authorises this Society to draw the interest. Council 16(e), 17-1-51.

FELLOWS: ELECTION.—Opening of the sealed covers received in the Office containing the Voting Papers in accordance with Reg. 13. (20 sealed covers had been received). The Chairman directed the opening of the sealed covers and requested Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi and Dr. J. N. Banerjea to act as scrutineers.

Scrutiny and counting of votes were held in accordance with the direction of the Chairman of the meeting, and the following Ordinary Members were recommended to the Council for election as Fellows during 1950. (1) Dr. S. K. Mitra, (2) Dr. J. B. Auden, (3) Dr N. Dutt, (4) Dr. T. J. Job. Res. Fellows meeting 10-1-51, 2 & 3.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—*Loan from the Provident Fund.*—Consideration of an application from Binode B. Mukherjee, File Assistant, for a loan of Rs. 490/- from the Provident Fund A/c. Grant under the usual rules after deducting the outstanding balance of the previous loan, a loan of 490/- recoverable by 24 equal monthly instalments. Fin. Com. 11-4-51, Council 8, 18-4-51.

Consideration of the application from S. N. Banerjea, Sales Assistant, for a loan of Rs. 100/- to defray the expenses of the Srādh Ceremony of his wife who died recently. Allow the maximum loan admissible under the Provident Fund rules (*i.e.* Rs. 60/-, after deducting the outstanding loan) the loan to be realised back by monthly deductions of Rs. 4/- only. Fin. Com. 9, 17-5-51, Council 8, 23-5-51.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of a letter from the Imperial Bank of India dated 5-1-51, regarding Accounts standing in the name of "Honorary Treasurer for the time being of R.A.S.B.". Resolved that the name of the Savings Bank

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A/c. appearing under the style "Hony. Treasurer for the time being of R.A.S. Bengal" be changed to "Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal, A/c. No. 2". That the Hony. Treasurer of the R.A.S. Bengal is authorised to operate on this Account No. 2. The interest on the Govt. Security (3% Loan 1963-65 for Rs. 5,200/-) which belongs to this Account should be credited to the new Account No. 2, as and when realised. Fin. Com. 4, 12-1-51, Council 7, 17-1-51.

1. Consideration of the question of purchase of paper for additional 2000 copies of "Upper Atmosphere".

(*Note.*—Paper was originally purchased and stocked for 1000 copies. 2. It is estimated that the book will contain about 638 pages (Royal 8vo size). For printing 1000 copies on Hard size paper (60 lbs.) the cost of paper will come up to Rs. 2,950/12/-.

As the total number of copies to be printed has been raised from 1000 to 3000 the B.M.P. who has stocked paper for 1000 copies only, are experiencing difficulties in procuring paper for the other 2000 copies. The Baptist Mission Press have asked the Titaghur Paper Mills to produce the same variety of paper. It is not known whether the local mills would be able to produce the same kind of paper. If it does, the price will be about -/14/- per lb. or in other words for 2000 copies the cost of paper would be Rs. 4,300/- only, if sixty poundage paper is used.

In case the English variety of paper @ Rs. 1/10/- per lb. (64 lbs.) is used for the remaining 2000 copies, the tota' cost of paper comes up to Rs. 8,320/-).

Recommendation.—The Baptist Mission Press to be asked to obtain the required quantity of paper from Titaghar Paper Mills as early as possible. Emergent Fin. Com. 1, 19-2-51, Council 7, 15-3-51.

Consideration of an application from Sri Tarapada Bhattacharya, a non-resident member, tendering his resignation and expressing inability to pay arrears subscription of Rs. 30/-. Remove his name and write off the amount. Fin. Com. 8, 12-3-51, Council 7, 15-3-51.

Consideration of an appeal for financial help issued by the Indian Geographical Society in connection with the publication of a Souvenir Volume. Regret. Fin. Com. 9, 12-3-51, Council 7, 15-3-51.

Renewal of Fixed Deposit (Receipt No. 71836) with the Imperial Bank of India for Rs. 10,000/- which matured on 8-3-51. Transfer the deposit to the current account of the Society. Fin. Com. 5(e) 12-3-51, Council 7, 15-3-51.

Transfer of one Fixed Deposit of Rs. 10,000/- to the current A/c. in view of the heavy outstanding bills and the low balance in the Current A/c. Approve action taken. Fin. Com. 4(h) 12-3-51, Council 7, 15-3-51.

Consideration of the question of transferring a certain amount from the current account to the Fixed Deposit Account. (Current A/c. balance on 5-4-51—Rs. 46,928-6-1). Transfer from the Current Account closing balance Rs. 10,000/- to Fixed Deposit Account in April, 1951 and also another amount of Rs. 10,000/- in May, 1951. Treasurer to look into the present state of the Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account and take steps for proper investment of the amount of Rs. 7,000/- which is in fixed deposit. Fin. Com. 7, 11-4-51, Council 8, 18-4-51.

Consideration of the question of repairing the roof of premises No. 1B, Park Street. (Estimates from Messrs. Martin Burn Ltd. were placed on the table in this connection.) Accept estimates of Messrs. Martin & Burn, Ltd. The excess expenditure over the Budget Provision of Rs. 1,500/- is to be met from the closing balance. Fin. Com. 4, 17-5-51, Council 8, 23-5-51.

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Consideration of the renewal of a Fixed Deposit (No. 71976) of Rs. 10,000/- with the Imperial Bank of India which will mature on 8-6-51. Renew. The Hony. Treasurer is to enquire and report whether investments may be made yielding more returns. Fin. Com. 6, 17-5-51, Council 8, 23-5-51.

Consideration of the renewal of a Fixed Deposit (No. 71963) of Rs. 10,000/- with the Imperial Bank of India which will mature on 2-6-51. Renew. Fin. Com. 5, 17-5-51, Council 8, 23-5-51.

Consideration of a note by the Librarian showing the position of the Sanskrit Manuscript Fund progressively from 1946 to 1951. The salary and allowances of the Technical Assistant (K. Sankara Sharma) be debited to the General Fund under head "Library Improvement" instead of the Sanskrit MSS. Fund with effect from 1st January, 1951; and also the salary and allowances of one Pasting Dufftry doing repairing work be debited to the Preservation of MSS. Fund instead of Sanskrit Mss. Fund, with effect from the same date. Fin. Com. 11, 17-5-51, Council 8, 23-5-51.

Minimax, Ld., for supplying, fixing and filling 8 Fire-extinguishers, as per bill dated 14-11-50 for Rs. 517-4-0. Pay. The required amount is to be appropriated from the closing balance by transfer to the budget head No. 16 (Insurance). Fin. Com. 3(xi), 12-6-51, Council 8, 18-6-51.

Consideration of the question of giving additional D.A. to the Staff as per Notification of the Government of West Bengal. (Referred to the Finance Committee by Council dated 18-6-51). (1) Question of payment of additional D.A. to the entire staff cannot be considered unless there is a reduction of staff; (2) Pay and allowances of the staff serving under the Society cannot be related in any way with the Government scales; (3) In view of the present economic conditions prevalent the D.A. of the lower subordinate staff only is fixed at Rs. 30/- per head, the grain and other special allowance or relief, if any, being merged into the same; (4) the post of the vacant bearer is not to be filled up; (5) In future any post falling vacant is not to be filled up without the previous consent of the Finance Committee, and (6) No change in the existing rate of D.A. is to be effected in the case of the General Office and the Library Staff now. Fin. Com. 5, 10-7-51, Council 8, 16-7-51.

Report by the General Secretary of the Conversion of the Society's holdings in 3% Loan 1951-54 for Rs. 10,000/- into the new Government of India 3% Loan of 1958 at par, in persuance to the letter dated 11-8-51 from the Imperial Bank of India, Park Street. (*Note.*—As there was no time to get the sanction of the Finance Committee beforehand, the Conversion was effected in consultation with the Hony. Treasurer.) Approve action taken by the General Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. Fin. Com. 11-9-51, Council 7, 17-9-51.

Consideration of the question of transferring one Fixed Deposit of Rs. 10,000/- (No. D. 72103) with the Imperial Bank of India which matured on 2-9-51 to the Current Account in view of the low Bank balance and the commitments to be met. (*Note.*—Bank balance as on 3-9-51, Rs. 6,527-5-6). Transfer Fixed Deposit to Current Account and credit the interest to the proper fund. Fin. Com. 5, 11-9-51, Council 7, 17-9-51.

Consideration of the application from Sri R. N. Banerjee, Publication Assistant of the Society, on leave, tendering his resignation and requesting payment of the Provident Fund money due to him and also requesting permission to draw leave salary. Pay Rs. 391/2/- being the full benefit of the Provident Fund. Fin. Com. 5, 13-11-51, Council 10, 19-11-51.

Consideration of the recommendations of (a) the Special Finance Committee dated 7-12-51, and of (b) the Finance Committee meeting dated 11-12-51. (Circ. Nos. 190 and 193). (*Note.*—Special attention of the members is drawn to item Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13). Accept (a) The consideration of the Budget be postponed till January, 1952. (b) The General Secretary and Treasurer authorised to incur recurring expenditures for the month of January, 1952, on the same basis as during January, 1951.

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(a) Appoint a Committee to draft a reply to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, on the subject of Conditions of Grants. The Committee to consist of the following: 1. President, 2. Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, 3. Sir Dr. J. C. Ghosh, and 4. Dr. S. L. Hora.

(d) Contact the Architect immediately for finalisation of the building plan and submission of estimates of steel. Fin. Com. 7, 17-12-51, Council 7,

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS.—Consideration of the application for Institutional Membership of the Central Inland Fisheries Research Station. Admit as Institutional Member and report to the Ordinary General Meeting on 5-2-51. Council 16(a), 17-1-51.

Consideration of the application for Institutional Membership submitted by the India Office Library, Commonwealth Relations Office, London. Approve and report to the Monthly Meeting to be held on 2-4-51 in the usual way. Council. 3, 15-3-51.

Consideration of the application for Institutional Membership of Zoological Survey Department, Government of Pakistan. Admit and report Monthly Meeting, September, 1951. Council 3, 20-8-51.

JT. SCIENTIFIC & CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—Consideration of the question of a planned programme of lectures on Scientific and Cultural subjects. (*Note.*—Letters of Sri Abinash Chandra Sinha, Dr. Sudhindra Nath Sinha and Rai Bahadur B. B. Mukherjee, and Sri S. K. Saraswati were placed on the table in this connection). The Scientific Advisory Committee to arrange for 6 lectures on Science subjects, and the Cultural Advisory Committee to fix up 6 lectures on Arts subjects. Sc. & Cult. Com. 4, 4-4-51, Council 3, 18-4-51.

Consideration of the question of making recommendations to the Library Committee for the purchase of books on Sciences and Arts subjects. Purchase recommendation lists to be scrutinised by the Sectional Secretaries before being submitted to the Library Committee. Sc. & Cult. Com. 5, 4-4-51, Council 3, 18-4-51.

LEASE.—Consideration of the question of realising compensation from the Standard Vacuum Oil Company whose period of lease expired on 30-11-49.

(*Note*:—This item has been referred to the Council by the Finance Committee dated 13-11-51).

Solicitor to write to the Standard Vacuum Oil Company: (1) About the developments regarding the Building project; (2) Whether the party is willing to continue on a temporary basis during the *interim* period till the building is started and to vacate on three months' notice; and (3) that during the *interim* period the amount payable should be according to law. Council 22(a), 19-11-51.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of the report, if any, of Mr. Khaitan in the matter of lease of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, including the question of Hoarding charges. General Secretary to request Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mookerjee to finalise the matter by giving necessary instructions to the Solicitors. Building Com. 3, 4-4-51, Council 4, 18-4-51.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Exchange.—Request from Le Directeur, Academie Serbe des Sciences, Beogard, for exchange of their publications with the publications of the Society.

(*Note.*—Exchange with Journal, Science part, may be recommended). Allow exchange with Journal, Science Part. Lib. Com. 3, Council 6, 17-151.

Request from the Director, State Statistical Bureau, Government of West Bengal, for exchange of the *Monthly Statistical Digest* with the *Journal* of the

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Society. Allow exchange with the Science Part. Lib. Com. 4, 12-4-51, Council 18-4-51.

Request from the Cultural Counsellor, Iran Embassy, India, for exchange of Society's Catalogue of Arabic and Persian Mss. with the Catalogue of Mss. of the Library of Meshed. (*Note.*—Six volumes, including supplements, of the Society's Catalogue of Arabic and Persian Mss. have been published. Five volumes of the Catalogue of the Library of Meshed have been supplied. The exchange should be made admissible. An exchange of the Bibliotheca (Arabic and Persian) with corresponding Iranian publications is also desirable.) Allow. Lib. Com. 3(b), 11-4-51, Council 7, 18-4-51.

Request from the Director-General, Hungarian Historial Museum, Budapest for mutual exchange of publications. (*Note.*—Exchange of the Society's *Journal,* Letters, with *Folia Archaeologica*l may be suggested) Accept as suggested above. Lib. Com. 7, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Request from the Director, Department of Archaeology, Government of Hyderabad, Hyderabad Dn., for Mutual exchange of publications. (Note:—Exchange with the Society's *Journal, Letters,* may be suggested). Accept as suggested above. Lib. Com. 8, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Request from the Editor, Ceylon Historical Journal (Quarterly), 129, Dutugemunu Street, Dehiwela, Colombe, Ceylon, for mutual exchange of Journal. (*Note.*—Exchange with Society's *Journal, Letters,* may be suggested). Accept as suggested above. Lib. Com. 17, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Request from the Secretary, Scientific Information Division, Science Section, Higher Education and Science Bureau, Ministry of Education, Tokyo, Japan, for exchange of Journal with their Journal, *The Japan Science Review* (Engineering Sciences, Law and Politics; Literature Philosophy and History.) Allow exchange with Journal, Science Part, Lib. Com. 9, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Request from the Director, Drs. Alvaro de Castro Museum to establish mutual exchange relation of publication with their, *Memorias do Museu Dr 'Alvaro de Castro.* (Zoological). Allow exchange with Journal Lib. Com. 14(*a*), 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Request from the Mathematical Institute, Nagoya University, Chikusaku, Nagoya, Japan, for exchange with the Journal of the Society. Allow exchange with Journal, Science. Lib. Com. 7, 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Request from the Director, French Institute for Arabic Studies, P.O. Box 344, Damascus, Syria, for exchange with the publications of the Institute. Allow exchange with Journal, Letters, Lib. Com. 8, 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Request from the Secretary, Scientific Information Division, Science Section, Higher Education and Science Bureau, Ministry of Education, Tokyo, Japan, for exchange with the Journal of the Society for their *The Japan Science Review* (Literature, Philosophy and History; Law and Politics.) Allow exchange with Journal, Letters. Lib. Com. 9, 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Request from the Director, Oriental Research Institute, Baroda, for mutual exchange of Journal. Allow exchange with Journal, Letters. Lib. Com. 11(*d*), 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Loan of rare books.—Request from the Superintendent, Research and Museum, Orissa, for the loan of two rare books—(1) Illustrations of the rock-cut Temples of India, and (2) Purusottama Chandrika—from the Library of the Society. (*Note.*—The first is extremely rare and in loose album form and should not be made available for loan outside. The second may be made available for loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 50 only). With reference to No. 1 regret. Allow loan of No. 2 against an indemnity bond of Rs. 50 only. Lib. Com. 3, 11-4-51, Council 7, 18-4-51.

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Report as to MSS. overdue —

(*Note*:—(1) No. MS. overdue.

(2) One rare book, "Hist. of H. H. Nizam Alee Khaun", (954.9 N737 h.h.) issued to the Director, Combined Inter-Services Historical Section (India & Pakistan), Ministry of Defence, Simla. Loan expired on 1-6-51)

Send reminder. Lib. Com. 7, 12-6-51, Council 7, 18-6-51.

Request from Visva-Bhārati, Santiniketan, for the loan of the book, *History of the Afghans* tr. by Dorn, from the rare collection of the Society. (*Note*.—The book was formerly lent out against an indemnity bond of Rs. 100 on the expiry of the period of loan the book has been returned and fresh loan applied for.) Allow loan under usual conditions against an indemnity bond of Rs. 100 only. Lib. Com. 10, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Loan of other rare items.—Request from Prof. P. Ray, Palit Prof. of Chemistry, Calcutta University, for the loan of the Tibetan Xylograph—Tanjur mDo-vol. G.C., for the purpose of translating a few pages. (*Note*.—Opinion of the Philological Secretary:—"I think it should be treated as a rare printed book and no value need be fixed.) (The Philological Secretary recommends loan without bond.) Allow loan on usual terms and invite attention of Prof. Ray to the valuable nature of the xylograph. Lib. Com. 11(*b*), 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Loan of Manuscripts—Report as to MSS. overdue:

1. Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona.—
   (*i*) Yogi-Yājñavalkya (G.8088) 3- 3-51
   (*ii*) Ādi Purāṇa (G.1498) 1-12-50
   (*iii*) Yogayātrāvivaraṇa (No. G.1279 and III.G.4) ... 28- 2-51
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookherjee.—
   (1) Nārada-Dharmaśāstra (G.5804) 13- 1-51
   (lent for purpose of editing)
3. Dr. M. Ishaque.—
   (1) Qandiya (P.349CC) 17-11-50
4. Dr. S. K. Mukherji.—
   (1) Vidhānapārijāta (G.6567) 9- 7-50
   (lent out for purpose of editing).

Send reminders and extend period of loan by three months. Lib. Com. 11, 12-3-51, Council 10, 15-3-51.

Request from the Curator, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona, for the extension of the period of loan of the manuscript of Yogayātrāvivaraṇa by six months more (i.e. up to May 30, 1951). (*Note*:—Lent out on 30th May, 1950; the period of extension for three months expired on 30-11-50). Extend for a further period of three months. Lib. Com. 4, 12-1-51, Council 6, 17-1-51.

Request from Prof. Durgamohan Bhattacharjee for loan of the manuscripts of Brāhmaṇsarvasva (I A49, II A II and III D14) from the Society's Library. (*Note*.—The manuscripts may be made available on loan against indemnity bonds of Rs. 250/-, Rs. 600/- and Rs. 300/- only. According to rules only two manuscripts may be lent out at a time.) Allow loan, on usual conditions, against indemnity bonds as above, of two at a time. Lib. Com. 5, 12-1-51, Council 6, 17-1-51.

Request from the curator, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona, for the extension of the period of the loan of two manuscripts of *Yogayātrāvi-*

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varaṇa (G-1279 and III-G-4) by four months more (i.e. up to the 30th June, 1951). (*Note.*—The Mss. were originally lent out on 30-5-50 and the period of loan extended to 20-2-51). Extend for three months more. Lib. Com. 3, 12-3-51, Council 10, 15-3-51.

Request from the Director, Combined Inter-Services Historical Section (India and Pakistan), Ministry of Defence, Simla, for the loan of (*a*) the five Persian Mss., *Risala-i-Padak'ha* (1640), *Majmu's* (Sc. 1677), *Huḳum-nama* (Sc. 1681 and Sc. 1685), *Majmu'a-i-Sanadha* (Sc. 1682); and(*b*) The book, *History of Nizam Ali Khan* by W. Hollingbey (954.9N 737 Lh.),—from the Library of the Society. (The Jt. Phil. Secy. does not recommend the loan.) (*a*) Suggest micro-film with approximate cost, (*b*) Apply rules and lend against a bond of Rs. 100 only. Lib. Com. 4, 12-3-51, Council 10, 15-3-51.

Request from the Hony. Secretary, Iran Society Calcutta, for the loan of the manuscript of Ta'rikh-i-Bangala (CC-48) from the Society's Library. (The Jt. Phil. Secy. recommends the loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 125/ only.) Accept recommendation of the Jt. Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 5, 12-3-51, Council 10, 15-3-51.

Request from Prof. Nirodebhusan Roy, Viśva Bhārati, for loan of the manuscript of (*Tabaqat-i-Akabari* (Sc. 115 and 116) from the Society's Library. (The Jt. Phil. Secy. recommends the loan of the Mss. against an indemnity bond of Rs. 1,000 only.) Accept the recommendation of the Jt. Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 6, 12-3-51, Council 10, 15-3-51.

Report as to MSS. overdue.

(*Note.*—Principal, Government Arts College, Madras.	Mudhakkirul Ahhab ...	26-12-50)
Lal Saheb P. C. Bhanj Deo.	Kanva Saṁhitā. ...	23-11-50)

Send reminders. Lib. Com. 5, 11-4-51. Council 7, 18-4-51.

Request from Dr. P. C. Bagchi, Director of Research Studies, Viśva-bhārati, for loan of the manuscript of *Turikh-i-Khan-i-wa Mkhhzan-i-Afghani* (No. Sc. 100) and Dorn's History of the Afghans from the Society's Library. (*Note.*—With reference to the manuscript the opinion of the Jt. Philological Secretary is being awaited. The second belongs to the rare collection and may be made available on loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 100/-.) (1) Refer No. 1 to the Council with the opinion of the Jt. Philological Secretary; (2) allow loan against an indemnity bond of Rs 100/- only. Lib. Com. 9 (*a*), 11-4-51, Council 7, 18-4-51.

Request from the Curator, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona-4, to extend the period of loan of the MSS. (*Yogayātrāvivaraṇa* (G-1279 and III-G-4) originally lent on 30-5-50 and the period of loan of which was *extended* up to the 28th May, 1951. (*Note.*—Extension may be allowed). Allow extension for three months more. Lib. Com. 5, 16-5-51, Council 7, 23-5-51.

Report as to MSS. overdue:—

(Principal, Govt. Arts College, Madras ...	...	Madhakkirul Ahhab lent on 26-12-50)

Apply rules. Lib. Com. 6, 16-5-51, Council 7, 23-5-51.

Request from the Director, Research Studies, Viśva-Bhārati, for loan of the Ms., Tarikh-i-Khan-i-wa Makhzan-i-Afghani (SC-100) from the Library of the Society, (postponed from the last meeting) (The Jt. Phil. Secy. recommends loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 100 only.) Allow loan on usual terms against an indemnity bond of Rs. 100 only. Lib. Com. 8, 16-5-51, Council 7, 23-5-51.

Request from Prof. Durgamohan Bhattacharjee for the extension of the period of the loan of the Mss. Brāhmaṇa-sarvasva (III.D 14 of Halāyudha, up to the end of June, 1951. (The Ms. was lent on 4-1-51: Extension may be allowed till 3-7-51) Allow. Lib. Com. 10(a), 16-5-51, Council 7, 23-5-51.

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Request from Sriman Lalsaheb Kumar Sri P. C. Bhanj Deo, for the loan of the following Mss. from the Library of the Society:—(1) Tārārahasya-vrittikā (G.221), (2) Sañkhyāna tantra (G.1971). Allow on recommendation of the Philological Secretary. Lib. Com., 12-6-51, Council 7, 18-6-51.

Request from the Librarian, Government Sanskrit College Library, Sarasvati Bhavan, Banaras, for the loan of the three MSS. of *Grahaṇāmaṇḍā* (G.2778, G.5520 and G.6408) from the Library of the Society. (*Note.*—The Philological Secretary recommends loan against indemnity bonds of Rs. 100/- each. According to the regulations only two manuscripts can be lent out to a borrower at a time.) Allow on usual conditions against indemnity bonds of Rs. 100/- each. Lib. Com. 3, 10-7-51, Council 7, 16-7-51.

Report as to MSS. overdue—

Dr. M. Ishaque	...	Tarikh-i-Bangalah (P. Cur. Coll. 48)	Period expired on 4th July, 1951.

Lib. Com. 6, 10-7-51, Council 7, 16-7-51.

Report that MS.A-1024: *Ta'liqat-wa-Nawadir* from the Library of the Society has been lent out to Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi. Lib. Com. 3, 14-8-51, Council 12, 20-8-51.

Request from Dr. M. Ishaque for extension of the period of loan of the MS. *Tarikh-i-Bangalah* (C.C. 48) until such time as the editing work is over. (*Note.*—Lent on 5th April, 1951. Extension up to a period of six months from the date of issue is admissible under the rules.) Allow extension up to six months from date of issue. Lib. Com. 7, 14-8-51, Council 12, 20-8-51.

Request from Prof. Durgamohan Bhattacharya, Scottish Church College, for extension of the period of loan of the MS. *Brāhmaṇa Sarvasva* (I A 49) up to the end of October, 1951. (*Note.*—Lent on 8th May, 1951. Extension requested for is admissible.) Allow. Lib. Com. 8, 14-8-51, Council 12, 20-8-51.

Report as to MSS. overdue:—

Dr. S. K. Mookerji, (For editing).	Vidhānapārijata (5th stavaka —G.6567).	Lent on 9-1-50. Ext. to 31-7-51.
Prof. N. B. Roy, (For revised translation).	Tabaqat-i-Akbar Shahi (S.C. 115).	Lent on 31-3-51.
Dr. M. Ishaque.	Tarikh-i-Bangalah (C.C. 48)	Lent on 5-4-51 Ref. Item No. 7.
Prof. Durgamohan Bhattacharya.	Brāhmana Sarvasva (No. G. 6567).	Lent on 8-5-51. Ref. Item No. 8.

Rare books lent out against indemnity bonds

Director, Inter-Services Historical Section, Simla.	Hollingberry. History of His Late Highness Nizam Alee Khaun.	Lent on 1-5-51. Ext. to 31-7-51.
Dr. P. C. Bagchi, Santiniketan.	Dorn. History of the Afghans.	Lent on 1-5-51.
Sri P. Acharya, Bhuvanesvara.	Purushottama-chandrika.	Lent on 18-5-51.

(Reminders issued in all cases.)

Recommendation.—Send reminders. Lib. Com. 10, 14-8-51, Council 12, 20-8-51.

Request from the Curator, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona, for loan of the manuscript, *Meghaduta* (G.4949) from the Library of the Society.

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(*Note.*—The Phil. Secy. approves of the loan, on usual terms, against an indemnity bond of Rs. 100/- only.) Allow. Lib. Com. 10, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Request from Dr. S. Nurul Hasan, Aligarh University, for loan of the following Persian Mss. from the Library of the Society: (*i*) Hukum Nama (1677), and (*ii*) Waqai Manzil Rum wa Sham (1678). (*Note.*—Dr. Hasan is a member of the Society. The Jt. Phil. Secy. approves of the loan, on usual terms, against indemnity bonds of Rs. 200/- and Rs. 400/- respectively). Allow. Lib. Com. 11, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Request from the Librarian, Lytton Library, Aligarh University, for loan of the following Persian Mss. from the Library of the Society: (*i*) Nishan-i-Haydari (200), and (*ii*) Hukum Nama (1676). (*Note.*—The Jt. Phil. Secy. approves of the loan, on usual terms, against indemnity bonds of Rs. 100/- and 200/- respectively.) Allow. Lib. Com. 12, 11-9-51, Council, 6, 17-9-51.

Request from Maharaja P. N. Tagore, Tagore Castle, Calcutta, for loan of the manuscripts of Muṇḍamālā Tantra (G. 5621A) from the Library of the Society. (*Note.*—Maharaja Tagore is a member of the Society. The Phil. Secy. approves of the loan on usual terms, against an indemnity bond of Rs. 250/- only.) Allow. Lib. Com 13, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Request from the Curator, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona-4, for the loan of the following manuscripts from the Library of the Society:

(*a*) Tirthatattva or Tirthayātrā-vidhitattva of Raghunandana.

(*b*) Vratapaddhati of Rudradhara, and

(*c*) Suddhiratnākara of çaṇḍesvara.

(*Note.*—They may be lent out with a *rigid time limit* against an indemnity bond for Rs. 500/- in each case.) Allow loan for *three months* under usual terms against indemnity bonds as above. Lib. Com. 5, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Request from Lal Sahib P. C. Bhanj Deo, M.A. (Cantab), F.R.A.I., Member of the Society, for the loan of the following MSS. from the Library of the Society; *two at a time*:

(*a*) Jayadrathayamal	...	...	...	Rs. 250/- only.
(*b*) Nigamakalpadrum	...	...	...	Rs. 100/- only.
(*c*) Brihadnīla-Tantra	...	...	...	Rs. 500/- only.
(*d*) Nīla Tantra	...	...	...	Rs. 250/- only.
(*e*) Mahākālasaṁhitā	...	...	...	Rs. 500/- only.
(*f*) Unmattabhairavapañçānga		...	...	Rs. 100/- only.

Note.—They may be lent out two at a time against indemnity bond of the value mentioned against the Ms.) Allow loan, two at a time, under usual terms against indemnity bonds as above. Lib. Com. 6, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Report that two manuscripts of *Nārada-smṛti*, have been borrowed from the Govt. Sanskrit College Library, Saraswati Bhavan, Banaras, and lent out to Justice Mookerjee, Editor of the *Nārada-smṛti*. (*Note.*—For revised edition of *Nārada-smṛti* in the B. I. Series.) Approve and Record. Lib. Com. 8, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Request from Prof. Nerodbhusan Ray, Viśva Bharati, for the extension of the period of the loan of the Society's MS., (*Tabaqat-i-Akbari*, for a further term of three months. (*Note.*—Lent on 31-3-51 for a revised translation of the text, Vol. I, undertaken by the Society.) Allow extension for three months more. Lib. Com. 12, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

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Report as to MSS. overdue.—

(*Note.*—Dr. Satkari Mookerji (For editing) Vidhāna Pārijāta (5th Stavaka) (No. G. 6567) 9-1-50.

Prof. N. B. Ray (For revised translation) Tabaqat-i-Akbari (S. C. 115) 31-3-51.

Send reminders. Lib. Com. 13, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Request from Dr. S. K. De (Member) for the loan of the manuscript *Agnipurāṇa* (G. 8090), from the Library of the Society. (*Note.*—The Phil. Secy. recommends loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 250/- only.) Allow loan on usual terms against an indemnity bond of Rs. 250/- only. Lib. Com. 3, 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Request from Sri Suresh Chandra Banerjee, 11, Monoharpukur Road, Calcutta—26, (Member), for the extension of the period of the loan of the manuscripts Dharmapurāṇa (G. 3309 & G. 3657) up to the 15th January, 1952. The MSS. were lent to him on 3-9-51. (*Note*:—Period expired on 2-12-51. Extension is admissible for a further period of three months.) Extend for a further period of three months. Lib. Com. 4, 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Request from Prof. Iswarchandra Sastri, Editor, Bibliotheca Indica Series, for the extension of the period of the loan of the manuscript, Vidhānapārijāta (5th Stavaka), *issued to him on the 9th January, 1950,* till he completes the editing of the book. (*Note.*—Lent out on 9-1-50 for editing purposes.) Extend for a further period of three months, and request submission of the MSS. to the Society in terms of recommendation under item No. 10. Lib. Com. 5, 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Manuscripts overdue:—

	Issued to	*MSS.*	*Date of issue*
1.	Pandit Iswarchandra Sastri (Editor)—Application for extension—item "5").	Vidhānapārijāta (V)	9-1-50
2.	Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute—Application for extension—item 11 (c).	Yogayātrāvivaraṇa (III—G—4 & G 1279)	30-8-50
3.	Prof. N. B. Roy (Editor) (Lent out for a revised edition).	Tabaqat-i-Akbari (Soc. Coll. 115)	31-3-51
4.	Lal Sahib P. C. Bhanj Deo	Tārārahasya-vṛttikā (G. 221)	10-7-51
5.	Dr. P. C. Bagchi, Director of Res. Studies, Santiniketan.	Tarikh-i-khanjahani wa-Makhzan-i-Afghani (Per. Coll. 100)	17-7-51
6.	Prof. Durgamohan Bhattacharjee.	Brāhmaṇa-sarvasva: (II A 11)	7-8-51
7.	Prof. Sureshchandra Banerjee (Application for extension—item 4).	Dharmapurāṇa: (G. 3657 & 3309)	3-9-51

Recommendation.—Record and send reminders. In all cases of requests for extension after expiry of one year from the date of loan the manuscripts have to be submitted to the Society's Library along with such requests. Lib. Com. 10, 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

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Request from the Curator, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona—4, for the extension of the period of loan of the MSS. *Yogayātrā-Vivaraṇa* (G. 1279 & III-G-4) for a further period of six months. (The MSS. were lent out on the 30th August 1950 and extension was granted up to the 28th August, 1951). Allow and request submission of the MSS. to the Society in terms of recommendation under item No. 10. Lib. Com. 11 (e), 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Miscellaneous.—Request from the Secretary, Sanskrit Publication Committee (Calcutta University), for permission in respect of transcribing the manuscript of *Tattvacintāmani-prakāśa* (G-1743/59-D-5) in the collection of the Society's Library. (*Note.*—Permission may be given subject to proper acknowledgement in case of use, either in whole or in part). Allow on proper acknowledgement. Lib. Com. 8, 12-3-51, Council 10, 15-3-51.

Report that as per Library (Reading Room) Regulation (25:4) permission has been granted to the following for using the Reading Room of the Society's Library for the periods mentioned against their names:

(*a*) Dr. Ramesh Chandra Mitra, Prof. Chandernagar College, (From 1-1-51 to 30-6-51).

(*b*) Sri Chandrabhan Rawat, M.A., LL.B., (From 2-1-51 to 30-12-51).

(*c*) Sri Bholanath Mukherji, M.A., F.R.S., Professor, Scottish Church College, (From 1-2-51 to 31-1-52).

(*d*) Sri Tarun Kumar Banerji, B.A., (From 1-3-51 to 29-2-52).

(*e*) Srimati Ilarani Bose, M.A., (From 1-3-51 to 29-2-52).
Approve and Record. Lib. Com. 10, 12-3-51, Council 10, 15-3-51.

Report that as per Library (Reading Room) Regulation (25:4) permission has been granted to Sri Heramba Nath Chatterji, M.A., Lecturer, Hooghly Mohsin College for using the Reading Room of the Society's Library for a year ending 31st March, 1952. Approve and Record. Lib. Com. 6, 11-4-51, Council 7, 18-4-51.

Letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, regarding recovery of the manuscript of *Bodhicharyāvatāra Pañjikā* (No. G. 3830) lent out to Prof. Poussin of Ghent. (*Note.*—The manuscript was lent out to Prof. Louis de la valle Poussin in 1898 and had not been recovered. The Librarian brought it to the notice of the Council at the time of the consideration of the stock-taking Report in 1950 and the Council directed that attempt should be made for recovery through the Government of India). Record. Lib. Com. 8, 11-4-51, Council 7, 18-4-51.

Request from Prof. Sukumar Sen, Calcutta University, for permission to Sri Satyanarayan Bhattacharya, M.A., to consult Bengali MSS. in the Library of the Society. Allow. Lib. Com. 8, 12-6-51, Council 7, 18-6-51.

Letter from Messrs. Luzac & Company regarding increase in the annual subscription of the *Brain* and the Medical Secretary's opinion thereon. Continue subscription. Lib. Com. 12-6-51, Council, 7, 18-6-51.

Report that as per Library (Reading Room) Regulation (25:4) permission has been granted to the following for using the Reading Room of the Society's Library for one year in each case:

(*a*) Mrs. Debala Mitra, M.A., of 75/2B, Monoharpukur Road, Calcutta—29.

(*b*) Sri Srinibas Bhattacharya, M.A., B.T., of 95, Russa Road, Calcutta.
Approve and record. Lib. Com. 5, 12-6-51, Council 7, 18-6-51.

Request from Dr. Sri Kumar Banerji, Calcutta University, for permission to Sri Arun Kumar Mukherji to consult the MS. G. 5447—*Krishṇamañgala* of Dvija Mādhaba—in the Library of the Society. (*Note.*—Permission may be

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granted on proper acknowledgement of the courtesy and on condition that a complimentary copy of the proposed publication be presented to the Society's Library). Permit on usual conditions. Suggest to Rules Revision Committee preparation of rules about a new category of Reader-members. Lib. Com. 5, 10-7-51, Council 7, 16-7-51.

Request from Dr. P. C. Gupta, Calcutta University, for permission to reproduce a few pages from the Proceedings of the Asiatic Society (in MSS). (*Note.*—Permission may be granted on proper acknowledgement. The work, *Fort William—India House Correspondence*, Vol. XIII, is being published by the National Archives of India, and the series is to be presented to the Society). Permit. Lib. Com. 4, 14-8-51, Council 12, 20-8-51.

Consideration of the question of getting a transcribed or photostatic copy of the MS. of the commentary on the *Kitab-ul-Kharaj* of Abu Yusuf in the Library of Hoor Laleli Pasha, Istanbul, Turkey, for the use of Casey Research Fellow of the Society. (*Note.*—Principal Said Ahmad, who supervises the work of the Fellow, recommends the requisition of a transcribed or photostatic copy. The Fellow is working on the text of the *Kitab-ul-Kharaj*). Requistion copy. Cost to be met from Islamic MSS. Fund. Lib. Com. 5, 14-8-51, Council 12, 20-8-51.

Report that as per Library (Reading Room) Regulation (25:4) permission has been granted to Prof. Madan Mohan Goswami, Uluberia College, to use the Reading Room of the Society's Library for preparing a monograph on Bharatachandra under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sunitikumar Chatterji, Calcutta University. Approve and record. Lib. Com. 6, 14-8-51, Council 12, 20-8-51.

Report that a copy of *Rupam* (No. 40, October, 1929) has been purchased for the Library of the Society at a cost of Rs. 15/- only. Approve action taken. Lib. Com., 14-8-51, Council 12, 20-8-51.

Report that the Persian manuscript of *"Ahwal-i-Mahabat Jang"* belonging to the Patna University Library has been borrowed for the use of Sir Jadunath Sarkar, who is translating the work for the Jones Memorial Series of the Society, and has been lent to him. Approve and record. Lib. Com. 3, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Request from Sri Madan Mohan Goswami for permission to reproduce one page each from the following MSS. of the Society in his forth-coming publication on Rāya Guṇākara Bhāratachandra: (*i*) Annadāmañgala (G. 5419), (*ii*) Kalikāmañgala (G. 5361) and (*iii*) Kalikāmañgala (G. 5667). (*Note.*—Permission may be granted on proper acknowledgement and on condition that one copy of the proposed publication be presented to the Society's Library). Allow on the above-noted conditions. Lib. Com. 4, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Report that as per Library (Reading Room) Regulation (25:4) permission has been granted to the following for using the Reading Room of the Society.

1. Miss D. Dellannoy of the Society Asiatique (Y.W.C.A., 1, Middleton Row, Calcutta—16).

2. Prof. Nirmal Chandra Banerji, City College, Calcutta (25, Kesab Sen Street, Calcutta).

1. Approve and Record. 2. The General Secretary to suggest a set of rules regarding Readers using the Reading Room of the Society's Library, but are not members of the Society. Lib. Com. 16, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Report that the photographic copy of the MS. of *Tarikh-i-Bangalah* of the India Office Library (London) has been lent out to Sir Jadunath Sarkar. (*Note.*—For translation of the text included in the scheme of Source Book of Bengal History). Approve and Record. Lib. Com. 7, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

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Request from the Secretary, I.H.R.C., to send few portable exhibits for the Exhibition to be held at Jaipur on 26-27th December, 1951 in connection with the 28th Session of the I.H.R.C. (*Note.*—MSS. of historical interest may be available for the purpose if approved by the Committee and the Council.) Approve, and recommend to Council that the Librarian be deputed to take care of the manuscripts. Lib. Com. 14 (b), 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Consideration of the question of continuing subscription to *Anthropologie*, the price of which has now been raised from £3-11-6 to £5-7-6. (The Journal is received through Luzac & Co., Limited.) (*Note.*—The Society has the complete set up to Vol. 54: 1950-51). Continue subscription for one year more and bring up next time with a note regarding the availability of the serial in Calcutta. Lib. Com. 6, 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

The Librarian placed on the table the following list of Manuscripts selected for exhibition in connection with the 28th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission to be held at Jaipur from the 26th December, 1951 (*Vide* Lib. Com. dated the 13th November, 1951, Item No. 14 (b); Council, dated 19-11-51, Item No. 11).

(The list has been approved by Dr. N. Dutt, Philological Secretary).

The amount shown against each item represents approximately the value of the document or book assessed by the Philological Secretaries.

1. Sivadharma (No. G. 4077). Palm leaf. Script—Newarie Newari Samvat 156/1036 A.D. During the reign of Lakshmi-Abhayamalla. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

2. Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā (No. A. 15); Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 191/1071 A.D. During the reign of Sankaradeva. Illustrated. Rs.2,000/-

3. Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā (No. G. 9973): Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 240/1120 A.D. During the reign of Simhadeva. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

4. Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā (No. G. 4203): Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 268/1148 A.D. During the reign of Anandadeva. Illustrated. ... ... Rs. 500/-

5. Mālatimādhava-ṭikā by Harihara Misra (No. G. 4805). Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 336/1216 A.D. During the reign Arimalla. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

6. Chaṇḍakauśika by Arya Kshemisvara (No. G. 3824). Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 370/1250 A.D. During the reign of Abhayamalla and probably by the king himself. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

7. Kriyāsaṁgraha-pañjikā by Kuladatta (No. B. 23): Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 373/1253 A.D. During the reign of Abhayamalla. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

8. Pancharaksha (No. B. 35): Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 385/1265 A.D. During the reign of Jayabhimadeva. Illustrated. ... ... Rs. 500/-

9. Vināyaka-stavarāja (No. G. 10723A): Palm leaf. Script-Bengali. N.S. 459/1339 A.D. During the reign of Jayarimalladeva. Together with No. 13. ... ... Rs. 50/-

10. Vasudhara dharani (No. G. 10757): Palm leaf. Script-Newari. N.S. 499/1379 A.D. During the reign of Jayarjunadeva. ... ... Rs. 50/-

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11. Chaṇḍakauśika by Arya Kshemjsvara (No. G. 8065): Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 507/1387 A.D. During the reign of Jayasthitirajamalladeva. Relevant foll. ... Rs. 100/-

12. Karaṇḍavyūha (No. G. 4725): Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 515/1395 A.D. During the reign of Jayasthitirajamalladeva. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

13. Sarvasārasaṁgraha attributed to Chāṇakya (No. G. 10723D): Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 516/1396 A.D. During the joint regency of Yuvaraja Jayadharmamalla and his two brothers, Jayajotimalla and Jayakirtimalla. (No. 9)

14. Karaṇḍavyūha (No. G. 9974): Palm leaf. Script—Newari. N.S. 713/1593 A.D. During the reign of Jayasivasimhamalladeva. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

15. Aparimitāyurnāma mahāyana-sutra (No. G. 10734). Nepalese paper. Script—Newari written in silver. N.S. 760/1640 A.D. During the reign of Pattapamalla, grandson of Jayalakshmimalla ... ... Rs. 50/-

16. Svayambhu-chaityabhaṭṭārakoddeśa (No. G. 9090): Nepalese paper. Script—Newari written in alternative lines of gold and silver. N.S. 764/1644 A.D. During the reign of Jayapratapamalla. ... ... Rs. 100/-

17. Lalitavistāra (No. B. 14): Indigenous paper. Script—Newari. N.S. 873/1753 A.D. During the reign of Rajyaprakasamalladeva. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

18. Bhattikāvya-tikā by Srinivasa (No. G. 4795): Palm leaf. Script—Old Bengali. Lakshana Samvat 159/1278 A.D. During the reign of Harasimhadeva. ... ... Rs. 300/-

19. Krityakalpataru (Śuddhi) by Lakshmidhara (No. G. 4741). Palm leaf. Script—Nagara. Samvat 1446/1388 A.D. During the reign of Ramasimhadeva. Relevant foll. ... Rs. 100/-

20. Liṅgavārtika by Jayasimha (No. G. 4831). Palm leaf. Script—Bengali. L.S. 228/1347 A.D. During the reign of Virasimhadeva. ... ... Rs. 50/-

21. Kāvyaprakāśaviveka by Sridhara Thakkura (No. G. 4738): Palm leaf. Script—Bengali. L.S. 291/1410 A.D. Copied during the reign of Sivasimhadeva by order of Vidyapati. ... Rs. 50/-

22. Krityakalpataru by Lakshmidhara (No. G. 4026): Palm leaf. Script—Old Bengali. L.S. 374/1493 A.D. Saka 1426/1504 A.D. Copied by order of Mahavarakumara Gadadharasimhadeva. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

23. Chhāndogapariśiṣṭa-tikā by Narayana (No. G. 1298): Indigenous paper. Script—Nagara. Samvat 1560/1502 A.D. During the reign of Rājādhirāja Rupanarayaṇa. Relevant foll. ... ... Rs. 100/-

Recommendation.—Approve and Record.—Lib. Com. 11 (f) 11-12-51.

Consideration of the recommendations of the Library Committee meeting dated 11-12-51. (Circ. No. 194). (*Note.*—Special attention of the members is drawn to items Nos. 2 and 11 (c).) Accept. Dr. Hora to be requested to convene a meeting of the more important Libraries of Calcutta for coordinating Library purchases. Lib. Com. 6, 17-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

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Research Fellows.—

Consideration of the letter of resignation of Maulvi S. M. Imamuddin, R. G. Casey Research Fellow.

(*Note.*—Janab S. M. Imamuddin joined as R. G. Casey Research Fellow on 24-10-49 to work on the text of the Tarikh-i-Khan-i-Jahani wa Makhzan-i-Afghani under the supervision of the Supervisor-Scholar, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi. On the expiry of his term, an extension of the Fellowship up to 31-12-50 was ordered by the Council (22-11-50). As he has secured a Lecturership at the University of Dacca, he wants permission to resign his fellowship.

Order.—(1) Accept the resignation of Maulvi S. M. Imamuddin.

(2) The question of issuing advertisements for filling up vacancies in the Research fellowships, to be brought up after the order renewing the grant of Rs. 7,200/- for 1950-51 is received from the West Bengal Government. Lib. Com. 4, 13-2-51, Council 4, 13-2-51.

Report of the work done by the Research Fellows during the quarter ending 28th February, 1951.

Recommendation.—(1) Record.

(2) Extend terms by three months more. Lib. Com. 9, 12-3-51, Council 10, 15-3-51.

Formation of Selection Boards for appointment of (1) James Prinsep Research Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics, and (2) Casey Research Fellow in Islamic Studies.

(*Note.*—The first Fellowship fell vacant on 1-12-50 and the second on 1-1-51. The advertisement was delayed as there was no intimation of the continuance of the grant for 1950-51 from the Government. The intimation has since been received.

Recommendation.—1. For No. (1) the President, the General Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Sri C. Sivaramamurti to form the Selection Board.

2. For No. (2) the President, the General Secretary, the Hony. Treasurer, Principal Said Ahmad, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, and Dr. Baini Prasad to form the Selection Board. Lib. Com. 7, 11-4-51, Council 7, 18-4-51.

Recommendations of the Selection Boards for appointment of—

(1) James Prinsep Research Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics. (The Board recommendad Sri Arabinda Ghosh, and failing him Srimati Bela Lahiri for the Fellowship).

(2) Casey Research Fellow in Islamic Studies. (The Board recommended Janab Mohiuddin Ahmad for the Fellowship).

Accept and recommend to Council. Lib. Com. 7, 16-5-51, Council 7, 23-5-51.

Report that the terms of appointment of Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharya and Sri Biswanath Bandhyopadhaya, Sir William Jones and R. L. Mitra Research Fellows, respectively, expire on the 30th June, 1951. (*Note.*—They have been doing regular and systematic work and Scholar Supervisors concerned recommended extension for a term of one year more, after the expiry of the first year's term on 30-9-50. Pending intimation of the continuance of the grant for 1950-51, the terms are being extended for short periods. The grant for 1950-51 has since been received. Extend up to 30th September, 1951. Lib. Com. 4, 12-6-51, Council 7, 18-6-51.

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Report of the work done by the James Prinsep Research Fellow and the Casey Research Fellow, during the quarter ending the 31st August, 1951. (*Note.*—1. Arabinda Ghosh, James Prinsep Research Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics: Joined 1st July, 1951. *List of Brahmi inscriptions from the earliest times to 600 A.D.* (excepting those of Asoka). Listed 930 inscriptions and the work done has been certified to be satisfactory by Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Scholar-Supervisor.

2. Mohiuddin Ahmad, Casey Research Fellow in Islamic *Studies.*—Joined 1st June, 1951. Annotated translation of *Kitab-ul-Kharaj* of Imam Abu Yusuf. Translated seventeen out of fortyone chapters and the work done has been certified to be satisfactory by Principal Said Ahmad, Scholar-Supervisor.) Record. Lib. Com. 6, 119-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Report that the terms of appointment of Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharya, Sir William Jones Research Fellow, and of Sri Biswanath Bandyopadhyaya, R. L. Mitra Research Fellow, expire on the 30th September, 1951.

(*Note.*—1. Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharya, Sir William Jones Research Fellow in Sanskritic Studies: Joined 10-10-49. *Raghunandana's Indebtedness to his predecessors.* Report with the opinion of the Supervisor, Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, is being awaited.

2. Sri Biswanath Bandyopadhyaya, Raja Rajendra Lala Mitra, Research Fellow in Buddhistic Studies: Joined 8-10-49. A critical edition of *Laghukālachakra-tikā,* also known as *Vimalaprabhā* along with the original text. Completed up to the third chapter—text as well as commentary—and collected materials for an Introduction. Dr. Dutt, the Supervisor, certifies the work as satisfactory and recommends extension for another term of one year.

Each of the Fellows completes his second year, the maximum period of renewal being three years. Grant for 1950-51 has been received, and continuation of the same for 1951-52 is expected; but the intimation usually comes not before March of the year for which grant is due).

Recommendation.—1. With regard to Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharya renew term of Fellowship for one year more subject to recommendation by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.

2. With regard to Sri Biswanath Bandyopadhyaya renew term of Fellowship for one year more in accordance with the recommendation of Dr. Dutt. Lib. Com. 5, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

Consideration of letter from Janab Mohiuddin Ahmed, Casey Research Fellow of the Society, tendering his resignation. (*Note.*—The Fellow joined on 2nd June, 1951 and in September, 1951 reported completion of translation of 17 out of 41 chapters of *Kitab-ul-Kharaj* on which he had been working). Accept resignation and advertise. Lib. Com. 4, 13-11-51, Council 11, 19-11-51.

Consideration of a letter from Principal Said Ahmad Akberabadi regarding the resignation of Janab Mohiuddin Ahmed Zobairi, Casey Research Fellow. (*Note.*—Janab Mohiuddin Ahmed joined on the 2nd June, 1951, and tendered his resignation in October, 1951. The Council referred the matter to his Scholar-Supervisor, Principal Said Ahmad, with regard to clause 4 of the Rules for the guidance of Research Fellows which states that in case of resignation within a year the Council may ask for a refund of the stipends paid). Ask for explanation from Janab Mohiuddin Ahmed Zobairi referring his attention to Clause 4 of the Rules for the guidance of Research Fellows. Lib. Com. 11(c), 11-12-51, Council 6, 17-12-51.

Staff.—Report that the term of appointment of Prof. Kishori Mohan Maitra, Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts, expired on the 4th September, 1951. (He joined on the 5th September, 1950). (*Note.*—Prof. K. M. Maitra was appointed as the Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts, on a consolidated salary of Rs. 300/- per month. Lib. Com. dated 17-8-50. He joined on the 5th September, 1950, and has prepared detailed Catalogue slips of 162 manuscripts

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till the 31st August, 1951. A little over 1,600 Mss. still remain to be catalogued. Prof. Maitra has been doing his work methodically and conscientiously). Extend his service for one year more and recommend to Finance Committee for an increment of Rs. 40/- per month with effect from the 1st January, 1952. Lib. Com. 9, 11-9-51, Council 6, 17-9-51.

MEDAL ADVISORY BOARDS.—Consideration of the recommendation of the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal Advisory Board meeting dated 12-1-51. Accept. Award medal to Shri Kasturbhai Lalbhai. Council 10, 17-1-51.

Consideration of the question of appointment of Advisory Boards for the award of the following Medals at the Annual Meeting in February, 1952: (1) Sir William Jones Memorial Medal, (2) Joy Govind Law Memorial Medal, (3) Barclay Memorial Medal, (4) Dr. B. C. Law Gold Medal, (5) Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal, (6) Annandale Memorial Medal, (7) Indian Science Congress Medal. (*Note.*—Financial note as to the position of the funds relative to the above medals was placed on table).

No. 1. No award to be made. Write to Dr. P. N. Brahmachari for funds.

No. 2. No award to be made. Write to Dr. S. C. Law for funds. With reference to the above two enquire further regarding Dies.

No. 3. Advisory Board to consist of the following: 1. Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), 2. Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil), 3. Dr. R. N. Chaudhuri, 4. Dr. K. N. Bagchi, 5. Sir Paul Benthall, 6. Dr. D. M. Bose, and 7. Dr. J. L. Bhaduri.

No. 4. Advisory Board to consist of the following: 1. Donor (Dr. B. C. Law), 2. Philological Secretary (Dr. N. Dutt), 3. Dr. J. N. Banerjea, 4. Dr. N. Ray, 5. Dr. W. G. Griffiths, 6. Dr. P. C. Bagchi, 7. Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, and 8. Mr. T. N. Ramachandran.

No. 5. Advisory Board to consist of the following: 1. Donor (Dr. B. C. Law), 2. Joint Philological Secretary (Principal Said Ahmed), 3. Sir Jadunath Sarkar, 4. Dr. R. K. Mookerjee, 5. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, 6. Dr. N. Ray, 7. Dr. Baini Prashad, and 8. Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

No. 6. Advisory Board to consist of the following: 1. Anthropological Secretary (Dr. W. G. Griffiths), 2. Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), 3. Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil), 4. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, 5. Dr. K. N. Bagchi, 6. Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, and 7. Prof. Nirmal Bose.

No. 7. Advisory Board to consist of the following: 1. Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), 2. Physical Science Secretary (Dr. D. M. Bose), 3. Anthropological Secretary (Dr. W. G. Griffiths), 4. Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil), 5. General Secretary (Dr. N. Ray), 6. Dr. S. K. Mitra, 7. Dr. B. Mukherji, 8. Dr. K. Sanjiva Rao, and 9. Dr. J. L. Bhaduri. Council 13, 19-11-51.

Consideration of the recommendation of the Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal Advisory Board meeting dated 7-12-51. (Circ. No. 191). Award the Medal to Dr. Kalika Ranjan Qanungo. Council 3, 17-12-51.

Consideration of the recommendation of the Dr. B. C. Law Medal Advisory Board meeting dated 7-12-51. (Circ. No. 192). Award the Medal to Dr. H. C. Ray Chaudhuri. Council 4, 17-12-51.

Consideration of the recommendation of the Barclay Memorial Medal Advisory Board meeting dated 13-12-51. (Circ. No. 197). Award the Medal to Dr. A. C. Ukil. Council 8, 17-12-51.

Consideration of the recommendation of the Annandale Memorial Medal Advisory Board meeting dated 13-12-51. (Circ. No. 198). Award the Medal to Dr. Verrier Elwin. Council 9, 17-12-51.

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Consideration of the recommendation of the Indian Science Congress Medal Advisory Board meeting dated 13-12-51. (Circ. No. 196). Award the Medal to Dr. B. Mukherji. Council 10, 17-12-51.

MISCELLANEOUS

Consideration of the report of the General Secretary about having ordered the closing of the Office, with the sanction of the President, on the 9th of May to enable the Staff to join the Rabindra Birthday Celebrations. Approve action taken. Council 9, 23-5-51.

Consideration of the report of the General Secretary regarding verification of the stock of publications and other connected matters. (Postponed from the last Council meeting). (*Note.*—This matter was considered by the Council on 23-5-51 and the General Secretary was requested to contact the General Secretary of the Indian Science Congress Association. Estimates were also called for but all the firms written to in this connection did not respond so far. The question of verification of stock was postponed pending the appointment of the Publication Assistant). Record. Council 2, 18-6-51.

Reports and communications from the Council. Report to the Ordinary Monthly Meeting (1) that an amount of Rs. 517-4-0 is to be appropriated from the closing balance by transfer to budget head 'Insurance' for payment to Minimax Ltd. for the supply of 8 fire-extinguishers; (2) that an amount of Rs. 1,000/- is to be provided for as extra allotment to the Budget Head No. XXI (Library Book Binding) by appropriation from the closing balance; (3) that the term of Fellowship of Sri Bhabatosh Bhattacharyya, Sir William Jones Research Fellow and of Sri Biswanath Banerjee, R. L. Mitra Research Fellow is extended up to 30-9-51; and (4) that Sk. Ebrahim, Library Dufftry, has been allowed to retire with effect from 1-7-51 on receipt of a gratuity of Rs. 405/- in view of his long and satisfactory service of 28 years; (5) that Dr. Niharranjan Ray will represent this Society at the Congress of Orientalists to be held at Istanbul from September 15th to 22nd, 1951. Council 11(h), 18-6-51.

Consideration of the letter No. F.41-65/50-C.3 dated 6-7-51 about the acceptance of the conditions prescribed by the Government of India for institutions in receipt of grants sanctioned by that Government. A Sub-Committee is to be formed comprising the following to examine this matter carefully and report to the Council: 1. Dr. S. K. Mitra, 2. Dr. S. C. Law, 3. Dr. K. P. Biswas, 4. Dr. S. L. Hora, 5. Mr. J. M. Sen, 6. Mr. Abani Bandhu Gupta, 7. Mr. K. P. Khaitan, 8. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, 9. Dr. Niharranjan Ray, 10. Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, 11. Dr. D. M. Bose, and 12. Dr. M. N. Saha. General Secretary to circulate to the Members copies of the Government letter along with the entire file. Council 13, 16-7-51.

Consideration of the question of the change of the title of the Fellows from F.R.A.S.B. to F.A.S. as a consequential change in the Society's name from the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal to "The Asiatic Society." Approve and report in Monthly Meeting, September, 1951. Council 16, 20-8-51.

Consideration of the question of authorising the General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer to pay urgent bills during the recess month, subject to report to the Finance Committee in November, 1951. Council 12(a), 17-9-51.

Consideration of the report of the General Secretary about inviting His Excellency the Governor of West-Bengal to be a Patron of the Society, and to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in February, 1952. (*Note.*—His Excellency Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, the new Governor of Bengal, took over charge after the departure of the Hon'ble Dr. K. N. Katju, who was the patron of the Society up to the end of October, 1951.) (a) Secretary to write to H. E. the Governor of West-Bengal requesting him to kindly agree to be a patron of the Society in place of the Hon'ble Dr. K. N. Katju. Council 14(a), 17-12-51.

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NEW BUILDING.—*Proposal for a new building.*—Consideration of the letter of Srijut K. P. Khaitan dated 4th March, 1951, as follows:—

"Naurang" 6, South End Park, P.O. Rash Behari Avenue, Calcutta 29, dated 4th March, 1951.

To Dr. S. K. Mitra, President, Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta. Dear Dr. Mitra,—Perhaps you know that the proposal to utilize the valuable land of the Society by having a modern building of several storeys originated with me some years ago, and from time to time I submitted notes on the subject. I am referring to this because those notes deal with the previous history and the various points of view of members. Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee has promised to collect as much of those materials as possible. So far as the existing building is concerned, not much sentiment attaches to it, because it was not built at the inception of the Society. It is, in a way, a condemned building and must in any case be replaced. The land value of the site had once gone up to about 30 lacs and is now at least 20 lacs. A land of such value should be fully utilized. A building of at least 30 lacs can be economically put up on it. The whole question is as to the ways and means. I have had a talk with some leading bankers and businessmen. There are two alternatives before us. One is for either the Central or the West Bengal or both Governments to join with us. The Governments will have this advantage that they will get a fair share of the accommodation as our tenants on a nominal rent and they will not have to pay anything in cash for the land. The details can be worked out so as to be mutually advantageous to the Society as also the Government. We are really tenants of Government of India at a rent of Re. 1/- per year. When Lord Wavell as Viceroy discussed this point with me, then I was the Treasurer of the Society, I explained to him that no legal difficulty could exist if we got the consent of the Government of India. The other alternative proposal is to have a purely business deal with some bank or insurance company or any other respectable company of high status and financial position. As you know, business concerns would be too willing to have the benefit of such a central site. So far as banks are concerned, if they are at all interested, they will only lend money on the security of the site and building to be erected by us.

I should point out that the angular portion of the land which is now uneconomically utilized by the petrol pump will lend itself well to angular architecture, the end of which can be used as a triangular balcony. The only remaining question may be as to possible claims of easement. Those can be dealt with once the main problems are solved. I personally strongly recommend that we should impress upon the Central Government to join in the scheme with four instalments of Rs. 7,50,000/- each. They will be clear gainers by doing so and so will we be. Yours sincerely, sd/- K. P. Khaitan. Postponed for the present pending further consideration by Mr. Bernard Mathews. Building Com. 1, 12-3-51, Council 8, 15-3-51.

Consideration of the letter of Mr. B. Mathews together with the note about the financial side of the proposed building scheme. (1) The proposal to build on the plot now occupied by the petrol pump is approved, (2) The Government of India be approached for capital building grant spread over three years, (3) 2,00,000/- be diverted from Investment Account Reserve to the Building Fund, partly from the temporary Reserve Fund and partly from the permanent Reserve Fund, (4) Plans be prepared for a three storied building with foundation for 6-storeys, with a total floor area of approximately 19,000 sq. ft. (The meeting was adjourned to 19th June, 1951, at 6-15 P.M. to consider the financial implications of the scheme.) Building Com. 2, 5-6-51, Council 3, 18-6-51.

Consideration of the note of the Acting Treasurer about the financial implications of the scheme forwarded by Mr. Matthews. In this connection the meeting considered the letter of Mr. Khaitan along with the note prepared by the Acting Hony. Treasurer of the Society. Dr. S. L. Hora supported Mr. K. P. Khaitan to the extent that if foundation for a 6-storied building is going to be put up, it would be better to go in for a 6-storied building at the very start. As regards financing the scheme, if a 6-storied building be

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proposed then parties could take floors for a period of 15/20 years and pay the rental amount in advance. This had been the procedure which was adopted when the Society leased out its land to a firm to put up a building on the site which is now under the control of Messrs. Shewakram & Sons.

Dr. D. M. Bose pointed out that a 6-storied building at this site would look very much like a commercial enterprise at this stage and would take away from the dignity of the structure as the forum of a cultural institution. From a purely aesthetic point of view he expressed himself strongly in favour of a 3-storied building though he said that provision could be made in the foundation for future expansion for another 3-storeys.

The Committee felt that it should be recorded that full consideration was given to the financial implications of putting up a 6-storied building but, in view of the point raised by Dr. D. M. Bose, it was resolved that for the time being the structure should consist of a 3-storied building.

Dr. D. M. Bose pointed out that at the last meeting of the Building Committee, it was informally agreed that the reconstruction of the whole building of the Asiatic Society should be taken up in stages, the first of which would be the erection of a 3-storied building on the site leased to Messrs. Standard Vacuum Oil Company with foundation for a 6-storied building. The second stage would come about 15/20 years later when the amount which may be borrowed for the construction of the first portion of the building has been paid off. The demolition of the Society's existing building and construction of a 3-storied building in its place should proceed in such a way that the new building as a whole might have a certain unitary architectural design as well as academic dignity.

When this building programme has been completed, the question of erecting further stories over a portion or on the whole of the 3-storied structure may be considered by the Society in the light of the circumstances prevailing then.

It was decided finally to recommend to the Council that the Central Government should be approached for interest-free loans and a note should be circulated to all the members and it should comprise:

(*a*) A Preamble giving the past history of the proposal for a new building.

(*b*) Plan 'A' and connected note of Mr. Mathews.

(*c*) Treasurer's note showing the financial implications of the scheme.

Building Com. 2, 19-61-51, Council 2, 16-7-51.

Consideration of the recommendations of the Building Committee meeting held on 19-6-51 and the notes of Mr. Matthews and Mr. J. M. Sen, the Actg Hony. Treasurer, in that connection. (1) The question was discussed at some length and Mr. K. P. Khaitan and others expressed their view-points (*vide* Notes appended—Appendix 'A'). It was finally resolved that the Finance Committee would examine the recommendations of the Building Committee at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 8th August, 1951, at 5-30 P.M., and give their opinion on the same. (2) The meeting then adjourned to Monday, the 13th August, 1951, 5-30 P.M. when another special Council meeting was to be held. Mr. Matthews and Mr. A. B. Gupta to be invited to attend that meeting. Special Council 1, 23-7-51.

(1) Mr K. P. Khaitan said that the site is beyond dispute one of the most valuable and attractive in Calcutta. He himself placed its present value at about 18/20 lacs of rupees, but he had been told by those who value land in Calcutta that it is worth much more. This Capital value of the land remains unutilised and can only be utilised if a modern building be put up which would bring out the fullest rent from both the building and from such a valuable land. Now such an

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adequate rent can only be brought out by a building of, say, 6-storeys in height. Each storey should fetch the Society a gross rental of at least 60/72 thousand rupees per year. Allowance has been made for all rates, taxes, depreciation and other things. Therefore, on this basis, each floor should get in a net income of 30/36 thousand rupees per year, in rent.

But for the present it is realised that the Society can build only on 12 cottahs. Even in that case each floor should cost approximately 2 lacs of rupees to build and should fetch a gross income of 15 thousand rupees a year. After deducting for rates, taxes, depreciation and everything the net income should be 10 thousand rupees a year. In that event the Society would incur not the slightest risk of having to pay any interest on any part of the principal, if it does not want to. Whatever surplus may remain out of the rental would go towards repayment of the principal. In that way sooner or later the entire rental value of the building would belong to the Society. In the meantime, even from the very beginning the Society would get the use of at least one floor for which it has got 2 lacs to pay, but by arranging suitable terms with the other tenants it may also get the use of another entire floor free.

(2) DR. S. L. HORA raised the question of the blank space in the plan of the 12 cottahs of land now leased to the Petrol Pump owners. He thought that this space should also be calculated in the floor space area of the building to fetch more rent. Then again why should not the Pump People be charged the same amount of rental per 100 sq. ft. when for their petrol storage tanks a certain area had to be left unbuilt. The Pump People are going to use it for advertisement purposes and not going to leave it unutilised.

(3) MR. BERNARD MATHEWS said that the area was 750 sq. ft., and the building could not be set up to cover the entire area to furthermost corner of the acute angle.

(4) MR. KHAITAN remarked that this small space would be of considerable value to the Society.

(5) MR. MATHEWS said that the figures put down were only tentative figures. Very likely the Society would get more. There would still be sufficient space for two hoardings. If the Society put in an advertisement then in the open market the Society might get more. In all these cases of figures one ought to be conservative. A building running out to a point could not be made architecturally beautiful.

(6) MR. KHAITAN enquired as to whether a suitable balcony could be built over this space or not and then Mr. Mathews concurred that it was feasible.

(7) DR. HORA repeated that whatever area the Society proposed to lease out for the petrol pump might better be taken as a whole for the calculation of the rent.

(8) MR. KHAITAN: They might pay a higher rental.

(9) THE PRESIDENT asked Dr. Griffiths if he had any remarks to make, and the latter said that on analysis, the business side of the scheme seemed to be sound and worth consideration. He never was in favour of razing the old building and as the scheme did not contemplate a demolition of the existing structure, which might be useful and needed during the next 20 years, he was quite in favour of the recommendations of the Building Committee.

(10) DR. J. L. BHADURI said that the plot was a historical site, and that he was in agreement with the policy as it was based on sound financial reasons, and the old building would be allowed to stand. The pro-

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posed new building should house the rich Library Collections which needed rearrangement. He added further that he was not in favour of demolishing the existing building immediately.

(11) DR. K. P. BISWAS indicated that he was in general agreement with Mr. Khaitan.

(12) THE PRESIDENT then remarked that everybody was in agreement with the demand for more space.

(13) DR. BISWAS: Would the amount that was to be spent involve any risk on the part of the Society?

(14) THE PRESIDENT did not think that it would involve any risk.

(15) THE GENERAL SECRETARY remarked that for the purposes of clarification there were two points requiring careful consideration. There was a suggestion by Mr. J. M. Sen and another by Mr. B. Matthews that we should at the present moment go in for a 3-storied building with foundation for a 6-storied one, whereas the definite suggestion of Mr. Khaitan was that we should straightway go in for a 6-storied building. these were the prime things which needed to be taken into consideration first and the financial implications ought to be gone into carefully.

(16) DR. S. C. LAW pointed out that from the note he found that he (M. Sen) considered the latter point.

(17) THE PRESIDENT then explained that Mr. Khaitan's point of view was that if the Society straightaway erected a 6-storied building then the Society would be a gainer financially, though it involved more risk; on the other hand the Building Committee gave considerable thought to it and recommended for compromise a foundation for a 6-storied, but going in for a 3-storied building, as the amount of money involved for the former was too large to be collected easily.

(18) DR. BISWAS then said that he agreed that a 3-storied building should be set up at the first instance and at the same time he supported Dr. Griffiths that the old building should remain as it was, only there should be provision for a connecting passage.

(19) DR. BHADURI pointed out that if the Society proposed to have a 3-storied building at the start and build up a 6-storied one after 20 years, then the Society should make provision for that. The Society might add one storey at a time after, say, 3 or 6 years, and so erect the entire building by suitable stages.

(20) DR. HORA. From a purely financial point of view it was better to go in for a 6-storied building, but from an aesthetic point of view at present a 3-storied building seemed more convenient. In order to go from one building to another, the Members would have to go through a passage connecting the two buildings.

(21) DR. S. C. LAW then added that from the discussions he gathered that the Society had already made up its mind. However, the financial aspect must be examined first, besides, at a time like the present one it was hazardous to put up a new structure. The cost of construction would be too heavy now, everything having gone up notwithstanding a little slump in the market. Steel, iron, building materials and cement had all gone up like anything. This was not a very opportune time. As regards transferring 2 lacs from the Reserve Fund, how far that was feasible was doubtful, because not only the Society would have to put in 2 lacs out of its own resources but would have to borrow a few lacs more. If the Society were committed to spend 5 or 6 lacs it would not get any return on the 2 lacs investment thus locked up in the building till the building was completed. The financial commitments, therefore, were bound to be discouraging from every point of view.

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(22) THE PRESIDENT then remarked that the Council should examine the scheme very critically. It also ought to be examined carefully first by the Finance Committee as to what the Society's position was going to be in case the scheme was taken in hand.

(23) DR. LAW then said that he had no objection to the scheme being put up before the Finance Committee for consideration.

(24) THE PRESIDENT next pointed out that even if the Society did not get the interest-free loan the scheme should be taken up.

(25) DR. HORA explained to the Members the nature of the benefits that might accrue from having a more commodious building and said that the Society would be getting the free use of 8,000 sq. ft. or so of building space, and after about 20 years the Society would be the absolute owner of the entire structure.

(26) DR. LAW enquired whether any Bank would come here, if so, then it was all right.

(27) MR. MATTHEWS then pointed out that it was proposed, as might be seen from the plan, that the building was to be constructed on the site to the west. The old building would be connected up with the new building as would be seen from the passage marked in the first floor of the plan. In order to accommodate the Standard Vacuum Oil Company a small space might be left open for the petrol pump in the ground floor but the same space would be covered up in the first floor. The essential aspects have been very carefully considered by Mr. Sen because he had gone into this very closely in his capacity as the Acting Treasurer of the Society and he prepared a note for the Council Members. Mr. Sen caluculated on the basis of some higher figures, whereas the figures shown by himself were on the conservative side. One thing that had been discussed at the Building Committee was that as the building was being erected higher and higher, more and more money would be required, but the entire amount would not be needed all at once at any stage.

(28) THE GENERAL SECRETARY said that he could take his Council into confidence by admitting that somehow the news had leaked out that the Society would have a new building. Already 4 parties had approached him to enquire whether the Society would let out any portion of the new building on a rental basis.

(29) THE PRESIDENT added that he had had enquiries from an Insurance Company, and also some other offers had been received.

(30) DR. HORA thought as a matter of fact the Society might not have to spend any money from its own funds. The prospective tenants might advance the necessary amounts. It was a shame that the very valuable land had not been utilised more profitably so long.

(31) THE PRESIDENT then pointed out that the only objection was the one put forward by Dr. D. M. Bose to the effect that the Society was after all not a commercial house and must not allow its dignity to be affected in any way.

(32) DR. HORA remarked that the Society ought to move with the age ; the Society should not think that the Victorian age still persisted. Since there was a provision for a 6-storied building the present Council were not tying up the hands of the future Councils.

(33) DR. BISWAS was of the opinion that the Society should not let out any part of the new building to a bank ; the Society ought to preserve its cultural and scientific background, like the Burlington House.

(34) THE PRESIDENT concluded by saying that by having a respectable party as a tenant, the dignity of the Society could not be affected any way.

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Order.—Considered the recommendations of the Building Committee meeting dated 19-6-51 and of the Special Finance Committee meeting dated 8-8-51.

Recommend to the Monthly General Meeting that—

(a) A 3-storeyed building with foundation for 6-storeys be built at the Petrol Pump site according to plan enclosed.

(b) No additions or alterations be made to the existing Building for the present.

(c) Permission of the General Body of Members be sought for, for releasing up to a maximum limit of Rs. 2 lakhs from the Reserve Fund of the Society.

(d) that a Memorandum be drawn up giving a history of the building project, along with the plan of the building and an estimate of cost, and this be circulated to all members of the Society.

(e) that an Explanatory Note indicating the total financial commitments and implications be also circulated to the general body of members.

(f) that the draft Memorandum and the explanatory Note on the finantial aspects referred to in (d) and (e) above, be circulated, at the first instance, to the Members of the Council for confirmation in the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

(g) the General Secretary be requested to write to the Standard Vacuum Oil Company telling them that the plan was going ahead, and they be asked to make what revised offer they can, for their occupying the front corner as in the plan which can be seen with Mr. Matthews of Messrs. Ballardie, Thompson & Matthews, Architects, Calcutta.

Special Council, 1 & 2, 13-8-51.

Consideration of the recommendations of the Special Meetings of the Council held on 23rd July, and 13th August, 1951. (Circ. Nos. 126 and 135). (*Note.*—This was in connection with the recommendations of the Building Committee meetings held on 19-6-51 and the notes of Mr. B. Matthews and Mr. J. M. Sen, the Acting Hony. Treasurer.)

(1) Draft note generally approved. Add in the financial note the amount that the Society will lose during the period of construction.

(2) Before circulating—(a) obtain clarification about the permission to build over the Petrol Pump; (b) obtain the revised offer from Standard Vacuum Oil Company; (c) Enquire if one-third of the space will be left open.

(3) Put up revised draft note before Special Council on 4-9-51.

Consideration of the recommendations of the Special Meetings of the Council held on 23-7-51 and 13-8-51 in connection with the recommendations of the Building Committee. (*Note.*—Revised draft note and financial note regarding the amount the Society will lose during the period of construction, already circulated.) Put up before the next Monthly General Meeting to be held on the 5th November, 1951. Special Council 2, 12-9-51.

Report of approval of the Building Proposals in the Monthly Meeting held on the 5th November, 1951, and consideration of subsequent procedure thereof. (*Note.*—In this connection two letters have been received, one from Major Harry Hobbs, and the other from Mr. R. G. Lemmon.) Send replies to Major Hobbs and to Mr. Lemmon informing them that the points raised by them are receiving attention of the Council. Issue ballot papers seeking permission from the General body of Members for release up to a maximum limit of Rs. 2 lacs from the Reserve Fund of the Society. Council 20, 19-11-51.

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PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.—

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of the recommendations of the Publication Committee meeting held on 11-4-51 regarding Dr. S. L. Hora's letter given below on the subject of delay in the publication of articles submitted for the *Journal* of the Society.

"You are no doubt aware that every scholar is keen to have his original work published in a journal of international repute and in as short a time as possible. The Society's *Journal* has built up a great reputation and if it wants to attract high quality papers, the question of publishing papers within a short period should receive attention. I suggest that the practice of the National Institute of Sciences of India be followed in this respect.

"On receipt of a paper, it should be sent to the appropriate Sectional Secretary for refereeing almost immediately. Thereafter weekly reminders should be sent for getting referee's report at an early date. In case the paper is recommended for publication, estimates from the press should be obtained and the paper circulated to the members of the Publication Committee with the estimate of cost and referee's opinion. In case there are no adverse remarks in circulation, the paper should be sent to the Press for composition Each paper should be sent separately to the Press and not held up till the matter is completed for a number. As soon as page-proofs are ready then a number should be composed. Each paper can be issued separately also and then later a suitable number of papers can be bound as a number.

"In my own case, I have found that the present procedure is very dilatory and needs changing in order to secure high class papers at least for the "Science" part which is almost becoming extinct now.

"Further, if we cannot maintain a good science section of the Journal, the question of reverting to the old practice will have to be considered—that is combining Arts and Science Sections.

Order.—Accept. Approve of the suggestion of Dr. S. L. Hora for taking immediate action in respect of papers received by obtaining estimates as soon as the Philological Secretaries or Sectional Secretaries give their opinion in favour of publication. Incorporate Dr. S. L. Hora's note as part of the Proceedings. Pub. Com. 6, 18-4-51.

Consideration of the question of purchasing racks for the Stock Room and preparation of a scheme for verification of the stock with a view to proper arrangement of items for creation of additional space.

(*Note.*—In the Stock-room for want of accommodation sometimes many books and other things are to be kept on the floor and this arrangement is very unsatisfactory. Secondly, stock-room items had never been verified thoroughly. This verification would have enabled the Office to prepare a planned programme of pushing the sales of publications and arranging for reprints of items which are in demand and are out of stock.

If steps may be taken for elimination of such items as may be weeded out then some space may be released).

Order.—(1) The General Secretary to contact the General Secretary of the Indian Science Congress Association and discuss with him how more space for the stock of the Society's publications may be made available.

(2) Estimates for additional racks to be called for and placed before the next Council meeting.

(3) Question of verification of stock be postponed for the present pending the appointment of the Publication Assistant. Council 3, 23-5-51.

Consideration of the letter of Dr. M. Ghosh praying for reconsideration of the question of incorporation of a dedication page in the translation of Bharata's Nāṭyaśāstra, Vol I. (Circ. No. 17). (*Note.*—On the basis of a recommendation of the Publication Committee the Council decided that the dedication page was to be incorporated in the preface. In

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respect of that decision the author, Dr. M. Ghosh, prayed that the decision might be reconsidered and as in some publications of the B. I. Series, there were similar dedicatory pages). After some discussion it was decided by a majority that Vol. I of the English translation of Bharata's Nāṭyaśāstra is to include a separate dedication page as desired by the translator. Council 8, 13-2-51. bb

Consideration of the letter of Dr. S. L. Hora about expediting publication of papers received at the Society. (Circ. No. 42). Approve of the procedure suggested by Dr. S. L. Hora and report to the Council accordingly. Pub. Com. 3, 11-4-51, Council 6, 18-4-51.

Consideration of the letter of Sri Sukumar Ray about publication of a reply to the review of his book by Mr. S. R. Sarma. (Circ. No. 46). Regret that no reply to reviews can be published in the Journal of the Society. Pub. Com. 4, 11-4-51, Council 6, 18-4-51.

Arising out of the discussion in respect of the various items, the following decisions were arrived at:

(a) All articles received for publication should, in the first instance, be referred to the different Sectional Secretaries.

(b) Specimen form which is issued to the referees by the National Institute to be placed before the next meeting with necessary additions and alterations, if any, by the General Secretary.

(c) No further Committments to be made under O.P. Fund No. 2.

(d) Publication Committee recommend that henceforth 3 issues a year be devoted to Letters and one only to Science. Pub. Com. 6, 16-5-51, Council 6, 23-5-51.

Consideration of the question of publication of Dr. Surya Kanta's Kauthuma-Grihyasutra. (Circ. No. 86). Call for estimates. Pub. Com. 9, 12-6-51, Council 6, 18-6-51.

Consideration of the request of Dr. Manmohan Ghosh for sending a complimentary copy of his book "Nāṭyaśāstra" to each of the following gentlemen for review:—Prof. G. Tucci, Prof. Jules Bloch, Prof. Louis Renou, Prof. Franklin Edgarton, Prof. Norman Brown, Prof. Ernest Thomas, Prof. V. Raghavan, Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterji and Sri Sisir Kumar Bhaduri. Send complimentary copies to the gentlemen mentioned. Pub. Com. 6, 10-7-51, Council 6, 16-7-51.

Consideration of the question of supplying complimentary copies to the authors editing books with and without remuneration. (Note.—1. The Society's past practice was to allow 5 and 30 copies of books to editors or translators undertaking work with or without remuneration respectively. 2. The authorities of the Calcutta Sanskrit Series allow only 2 copies, and the authorities of the Asutosh Sanskrit Series (Calcutta University) allow only 6 copies). Adhere to previous practice; reserve, in addition, not more than 30 copies ordinarily for review in Journals or opinions of eminent authorities. Pub. Com. 4, 14-8-51, Council 11, 20-8-51.

Consideration of the procedure to be followed in case of adverse comments on papers by experts. (Referred by the Council dated 20-8-51, item No. 11 (iii)). (A letter from Dr. S. L. Hora concerning Dr. Gudger's paper together with a note in that connection. Circ. No. 149). (1) Refer in the first instance to Publication Committee; (2) General Secretary to write to Dr. Hora explaining circumstances. Pub. Com. 3, 11-9-51, Council 5, 17-9-51.

Consideration of a letter from Prof. Chintaharan Chakravarty regarding the printing of Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss. (Miscellaneous), Vol. XIV. (*Note.*—The matter was placed before the Publication Committee meeting dated 14-9-50 and the recommendation was as follows:—"Enquire when Vols. XII and XIII will be ready.") Postpone and enquire how to expedite Vols. XII and XIII of the Catalogue. Pub. Com. 6(a), 13-11-51, Council 9, 19-11-51.

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Consideration of the letter dated 28th September, 1951 from Colonel D. H. Gordon, Norfolk, requesting permission of the Council to publish line drawing copies of objects illustrated in the Journals of the Society. Allow on due acknowledgement and on condition that two copies of the publication be presented to the Society's Library. Pub. Com. 6(b), 13-11-51, Council 9, 19-11-51.

Monographs.—Consideration of the question of publication of Mr. M. Venkataramayya's "History of the Telugu Chodas" (pp. 1-380) (Circ. No. 87).

(*Note.*—The question was considered by the Publication Committee meeting held on 12-3-51 and the Committee recommended its rejection. The question was again brought up for consideration by the Publication Committee meeting held on 12-6-51 and the Committee requested the author to condense the paper to its one-third size).

Consideration of a letter, in this connection, from the author that, without prejudice to the value of his paper, he can reduce it by 50 or 60 pages and that he is prepared to raise Rs. 1000/- for the purpose in addition to the Madras Govt. Grant.

Consideration also of a letter, in this connection, from Mr. V. Venkateswara Sastrulu requesting information as to how he could be of any help to the Society regarding the publication of the above paper.

Recommendation.—(1) Publish as Monograph, (2) the copyright of the publication must vest in the Society, (3) request the author to reduce the manuscript by 60 pages, (4) request the Madras Govt., and the author to send their respective grants and contributions and (5) enquire about the number of copies the Madras Govt., the author would like to have. Pub. Com. 8(a), 10-7-51, Council 6, 16-7-51.

Papers.—The following papers were approved by the Pub. Com. and the Council on different dates as shown below:

"Difference in Concrete Intelligence Among the Jaunsaries" by P. C. Ray (communicated by Dr. B. S. Guha). Pub. Com. 2(1) 12-1-51, Council 5, 17-1-51.

"A Psychometric Study of Concrete Intelligence and Memory of School-boys in Banaras" by Ranjit Kumar De (communicated by Dr. B. S. Guha). Pub. Com. 2(2), 12-1-51, Council 5, 17-1-51.

"Growth Response of Jute Plants to Yeast Extracts and Vitamin B" by J. C. Sen Gupta, S. K. Pain and J. J. Haldar. Pub. Com. 2(c), 12-3-51, Council 6, 15-3-51.

"The Clay Images of Fondoukistan" by Prof. R. Henkel. Pub. Com. 2(e). 12-3-51, Council 6, 15-3-51.

"The Upanishads and Vedic Sacrifices" by Srijut Basanta Kumar Chattopadhyaya. (Circ. No. 28). Pub. Com. 2(f), 12-3-51, Council 6, 15-3-51.

"Tātparyācharya" by Sri Anantalal Thakur (Circ. No. 37). Pub. Com. 2(a), 11-4-51, Council 6, 18-4-51.

"Some phonetical characteristics of the Rāmāyana" by Sri Nilmadhav Sen. (Circ. No. 45). Pub. Com. 2(c), 11-4-51, Council 6, 18-4-51.

"Knowledge of Ancient Hindus concerning Fish and Fisheries, in India" by Dr. S. L. Hora. Pub. Com. 7(a), 11-4-51, Council 6, 18-4-51.

"Notes on some Inscriptions in the R.A.S.B." by Dr. Dinesh Chandra Sircar (Vide Circ. No. 61). Pub. Com. 2(a), 16-5-51, Council 6, 23-5-51.

"The Worship of Dharma in Assam" by Mr. M. Neog. Pub. Com. 2(b), 16-5-51, Council 6, 23-5-51.

"Shadipur Inscription of Sultan Ghiyasuddin Mohmud Shah" by Sri N. B. Ray. Pub. Com. 2(c), 16-5-51, Council 6, 23-5-51.

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"Dānavas in the Mahābhārata" by Sri P. C. Sengupta (Circ. No. 39). Pub. Com. 2(a), 12-6-51, Council 6, 18-6-51.

"A Note on Unpublished Records about the Latin-Annamite Dictionary printed in Bengal, 1838-40" by Suzanne Karpelle (Circ. No. 73). Pub. Com. 2(c), 12-6-51. Council 6, 18-6-51.

"Patras of Sylhet" by Sri B. Burman (Circ. No. 108). Pub. Com. 2, 10-7-51, Council 6, 16-7-51.

"Angul Copper-plate of Dharmamahādevi" by Dr. Priyatosh Banerjee. (Circ. No. 132). Pub. Com. 3, 14-8-51, Council 11, 20-8-51.

"Korku Physical and Racial Affinities" by Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya. (Circ. No. 146). Pub. Com. 2(a), 11-9-51, Council 5, 17-9-51.

"Concerning the Persian Version of Lilāvati" by Dr. H. J. J. Winter and Mr. Arshad Mirza. (Circ. No. 147). Pub. Com. 2(b), 11-9-51, Council 5, 17-9-51.

"Chicacole Plates of Ganga Anantavarman" by Dr. Dinesh Chandra Sircar. Pub. Com. 2(b), 13-11-51, Council 9, 19-11-51.

"Chicacole Plates of Ganga Devendravarman" by Dr. D. C. Sircar. Pub. Com. 2(c), 13-11-51, Council 9, 19-11-51.

"Rivers in the Bengal Delta, River problem in West Bengal and their solution" by The Hon'ble B. Majumdar. Pub. Com. 2(d), 13-11-51, Council 9, 19-11-51.

"Chidavala Plates of Devendravarman, Ganga year 397" by Dr. D. C. Sircar. Pub. Com. 2(e), 13-11-51, Council 9, 19-11-51.

"Construction of Fertility Tables for India and studies therefrom" by A. C. Nag. Pub. Com. 2(f), 13-11-51, Council 9, 19-11-51.

"An unpublished Arabic Inscription on a Jaina Image from Maldah, Bengal" by Asoka Kumar Bhattacharya. Pub. Com. 2(a), 11-12-51, Council 5, 17-12-51.

"Response to Transplantation of Fishes in India with special reference to conditions of existence of carp fry" by Messrs. K. H. Alikunhi, Hiralal Chaudhury and V. Ramachandran. Pub. Com. 2(b), 11-12-51, Council 5, 17-12-51.

"New Light on Sher Shah's early Career" by N. B. Roy. Pub. Com. 2(c), 11-12-51, Council 5, 17-12-51.

Reviews.—Selection of reviewers for the following books: (1) Jiva Vicara Prakaranam by Sri Hiralal Jain (Hindi); (2) Jiva Vicara Prakaranam by Muni Ratna Prabha Vijaya; (3) What is Jainism by C. R. Jain. Record. Only a short notice about item Nos. 1 & 2 to be prepared by the Librarian and printed in the Journal. Pub. Com. 5(2), 12-1-51, Council 5, 17-1-51.

Consideration of the question of selection of Reviewers for the following books:

(1) "Everyday life in ancient India" by Mrs. Padmini Sengupta. Request Dr. J. N. Banerjea to review.

(2) "Bondo Highlander" by Verrier Elwin. Request Sri K. P. Chattopadhyaya to review.

(3) "Stone Age and Pleistocene Chronology in Gujrat." Request Sri Nirmal Kumar Bose to review.

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(4) "Northern India according to the Shui-Ching-Chu" by L. Patech. Request Dr. P. C. Bagchi to review.

(5) "A History of India and Pakistan" (in Urdu) by Sayid Hashim Faridabadi. Request Principal Said Ahmad Akberabadi to review. Pub. Com. 4, 12-3-51, Council 6, 15-3-51.

Consideration of the question of selection of a reviewer for the book "Khristopanishad" by Sri Taracharan Tarkadarshanatirtha. Librarian to announce in the Journal. Pub. Com. 5, 11-4-51, Council 6, 18-4-51.

Consideration of the question of selecting a reviewer for the book "The Nuh Sipihr of Amir Khusraw" edited by Mohamud Wahid Mirza. Principal Said Ahmad Akberabadi to be requested to review the book. Pub. Com. 5, 16-5-51, Council 6, 23-5-51.

Consideration of the question of selecting reviewers for (1) Nalarayadavadanti-charita (Gujarati) (The Transactions of the American Philosophical Society) edited by the Society itself and (2) "Anthropometric measurements of Maharastra" edited by Karve and Dandekar, and (3) Theravady Buddhism in Burma by Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray. Request Dr. S. K. Chatterji to review the first item, Dr. Griffiths the 2nd item, and Prof. Charandas Chatterjee of Lucknow University the 3rd item. Pub. Com. 5, 12-6-51, Council 6, 18-6-51.

Consideration of the question of publication of the review written by Sri Nirmal Kumar Bose of Mr. Frederick E. Zeuner's book "Stone Age and Pleistocene Chronology in Gujrat." Pub. Com. 6, 12-6-51, Council 6, 18-6-51.

Consideration of the question of publication of the review written by Prof. Charan Das Chatterjee of the Lucknow University of Prof. Nihar-ranjan Ray's book on "Theravada Buddhism in Burma" (pp.I-XV and 1-306). Publish after being edited by Dr. N. Dutt. Pub. Com. 4, 10-7-51, Council 6, 16-7-51.

Consideration of the question of selecting a reviewer for Prof. S. K. Chatterjee's Hindi book "Ritambhara." Request Dr. Hazari Prasad Dwivedi of Benaras Hindu University to write a short notice of the book. Pub. Com. 2, 14-8-51, Council 11, 20-8-51.

Source books of Bengal History.—Consideration of a letter from Sir Jadunath Sircar dated 28th September, 1951, regarding the publication of (a) Muzaffar-nama, (b) Naubahari-Murshid quli Khan, and (c) Alwal-i-Mahabat Janj. Approve publication pursuant to the scheme drawn up earlier in this connection. Pub. Com. 3, 13-11-51, Council 9, 19-11-51.

RABINDRA MEMORIAL PRIZE.—Consideration of the letter of Dr. M. N. Saha dated 26-12-50 regarding the recommendation to be made to the Society about the award of the Rabindra Memorial Prize for the year 1950 to Dr. K. P. Biswas for his joint authorship of the book "Bhāratiya Vanauṣadhi." (*Note.*—Four referees were appointed by the Council at the sitting of 20-9-50 to make recommendation about the award of the Rabindra Memorial Prize for 1950-51. The referees were: (1) the President, (2) Dr. M. N. Saha, (3) Dr. S. K. Mitra, and (4) Dr. A. C. Ukil. Nos. 3 and 4 recommended that the name of Dr. K. P. Biswas might be forwarded to the Government in this connection. Dr. M. N. Saha's opinion was placed on the table for consideration). Recommend the name of Dr. K. P. Biswas for consideration of the Committee of Judges appointed to make recommendation about the award of the Rabindra Memorial Prize for 1950-51, for Dr. Biswas' work on "Bhāratiya Vanauṣadhi" in Bengali, Vol. I, (publication date 1950). Council 3, 17-1-51.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.—Consideration of the question of appointing two delegates to represent this Society at the 55th Annual Meeting of the *American Academy of Political and Social Science* to be held at Philadelphia on 6-4-51 and 7-4-51. (*Note.*—Similar invitations are being received during the last 2 years. There are no members who live nearabouts Philadelphia). Dr. Stella Kramrisch to represent this Society at the meeting. Council 2, 15-3-51.

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Consideration of the letter No. Met. 298 dated 4-4-51 received from the Registrar, Calcutta University, for nominating a member to serve on (1) the Special Committee for the appointment of the Kamala Lecturer, and (2) the Special Committee for the award of the Sarojini Basu Medal for 1951. Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji to represent the Society on the Special Committee for the appointment of the Kamala Lecturer, and Dr. Niharranjan Ray to serve as the Society's representative on the Special Committee for the award of the Sarojini Basu Medal for 1951. Council 2, 18-4-51.

Consideration of Council Circular dated 15-5-51 about the XXIInd International Congress of Orientalists, to be held at Istanbul, September 15-22, 1951. (Circ. No. 95). Dr. N. Ray to represent this Society at the XXIInd International Congress of Orientalists at Istanbul. Enquire who of the other members of the Society are going. Include their names as well. Council 17(a), 18-6-51.

Consideration of the letters of Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi intimating that they were likely to attend the International Congress of Orientalists at Istanbul in September 1951. Order: Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi also to represent the Society at the International Congress of Orientalists to be held in September, 1951. Council 3, 16-7-51.

Letter from the General Secretary, Indian History Congress requesting nomination of a representative or representatives to the Fourteenth Session of the Indian History Congress to be held at Jaipur in December, 1951. (*Cultural Advisory Committee*). (*Note.*—In 1950 the Society nominated the following representatives: 1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, 2. Dr. R. C. Majumdar, 3. Dr. N. Dutt, 4. Dr. J. N. Banerjea, 5. Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, 6. Sri S. K. Saraswati, 7. Dr. P. C. Gupta, 8. Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, and 9. Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray. The following attended last session: 1. Dr. R. C. Majumdar, 2. Dr. J. N. Banerjea, 3. Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, 4. Sri S. K. Saraswati, and Dr. P. C. Gupta). Order: Nominate Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Sri S. K. Saraswati and Dr. U. N. Ghoshal to represent the Society at the Fourteenth Session of the Congress. Jt. meeting Cult. & Sc. Adv. Comms. 2, 10-8-51, Council 8, 20-8-51.

Consideration of the question of appointing a representative or representatives to the Sixteenth All-India Oriental Conference to be held at Lucknow in October, 1951. (Circ. No. 154). Order: Appoint (1) Prof. Haridas Bhattacharya. (2) Dr. N. Dutt, (3) Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, (4) Dr. Sukumar Sen, and such other Members from U.P. as are likely to attend to represent the Society at the Sixteenth Session of the All-India Oriental Conference to be held at Lucknow in October, 1951. Council 3, 17-9-51.

Consideration of the letter No. 41/NOM/C/2716 dated 20th October, from National Institute of Sciences of India to nominate two representatives of the Society to serve on the Council of the National Institute as an Additional Vice-President and an Addl. Member of Council for the year 1952. Nominate Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. A. C. Ukil on the Council of the National Institute of Sciences of India for the year 1952 respectively as an Additional Vice-President and an Additional Member. Council 3, 19-11-51.

Consideration of a circular letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Education, regarding nomination of an Observer to the Symposium on the "Concept of Man and the Philosophy of Education in East and West" to be held at New Delhi from the 13th to the 20th December, 1951. (Circ. No. 178). Request Dr. S. N. Sen to act as an Observer on behalf of the Society. Council 19, 19-11-51.

RULES REVISION.—After careful revision of all rules beginning with 1 and ending in 79 the Committee finally approved of them for being put up before the Council for consideration after necessary circulation. Rules Revn. Com. 2, 27-7-51, Council 5, 22-8-51.

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Consideration of the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee meeting held on 19-7-51 and 27-7-51. (Circ. Nos. 121 and 123).

(*Note.*—Draft New Revised Rules drafted by the Rules Revision Committee already circulated to the Members).

Order.—A note incorporating the principal changes along with a short preamble be circulated to the Members of the Council for consideration in a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, the 4th September, 1951 at 5-15 P.M.

Consideration of the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee meeting held on 19-7-51 and 27-7-51. (*Note.*—Relevent papers already circulated). (a) Accept draft preamble as modified. (Quoted below); (b) Circulate the whole matter to the General Body of Members for consideration at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members to be held on Tuesday, the 4th December, 1951, at 5-15 P.M. Special Council 1, 12-9-51.

Draft Preamble

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY

Statement (vide Rule 78) *concerning the alterations or repeal of existing Rules and of the reasons for them.*

The Council of the Asiatic Society has been feeling for a long time that, in view of a considerable growth of membership of the Society and a sustained increase in the interest shown by the members in the Society's activities, the existing rules do not afford the general body of members sufficient opportunities to associate themselves as intimately as is desirable with these activities.

Further, the existing rates of subscription, which has been in force for nearly fifty years, needs revision in order to meet the allround increase of costs, particularly in respect of wages, salaries, maintenance, taxes and printing charges.

Serious attempts were made early in 1946 to revise the existing Rules but the Council had then suggested certain changes which did not meet with the approval of the general body of members. Bearing in mind the past experience and taking into consideration the views expressed by several members in 1948, the Council has now revised the Rules keeping in view the requirements of the objectives of the Society and its minimum needs for efficient working.

It will now be convenient to consider the principal changes in the Rules which have been recommended by the Council.

Membership.—Changes in Categories, Subscription, Privileges, etc. *Rules 2, 3, 5, 13A & B, 14 c & e, 15A, 16, 19-21, 22A, 24, 24A, 25, 26-32, 40, 73.*

The Rules are so changed that the Membership of the Society is made of a uniform nature by the abolition of Non-Resident and Foreign Members categories and making the rate of subscription uniform for all. The category of Institutional Members, introduced in 1928, has now been included under Rule 2. The number of Ordinary Fellows has been raised from 50 to 75 and the category of Honorary Fellows has been included under Rule 2 and their limit fixed at 20. In Rule 3, the age for Membership is fixed at 21 years. In Rule 16, subscription has been raised to Rs. 12/- per quarter for all categories of members with the object of increasing the income of the Society to meet the heavy printing charges of the Journal and increase in the salaries of the staff:

Consequential to an increase in the rate of subscription, the Compounding Fee under Rules 24 and 25 has been raised to Rs. 500/- from Rs. 300/-; but

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existing Rules 25 and 27 shall continue to be operative for one year from the date of passing of the Rules in the case of existing members.

For the purpose of Rule 73, conveyance allowance, editing fees and publication royalties shall not be considered as emoluments.

Administrative Matters.—Rules 4, 14(c) and (d), 44(g), 48(d), 55(a), 58(c) (iv), 60(c) and (d), 64(b) ; 64A:

It is proposed in Rule 14(c) to exclude visitors from the business part of the Ordinary Monthly Meetings and under 14(d) to restrict access to the Library and Public Reading Rooms through Regulations framed for the purpose.

Under Rule 44(g), the period during which a person could hold the offices of the General Secretary or Treasurer is restricted to 3 consecutive years, and 4 instead of 2 Members of Council shall retire compulsorily from the Council each year. These changes are meant to ensure a larger number of members associating themselves with the activities of the Society.

In Rule 48(d), it is proposed that confirmation in Service of Society's employees drawing less than Rs. 125/- per month should only be reported but not submitted for confirmation.

The quorum of 7 for Ordinary Monthly Meetings is raised to 10 under Rule 55(a) and quorum for the Annual General Meeting is fixed at 20. These changes are meant to ensure greater interest in the activities of the Society by its members.

Under Rule 58(c) (iv), a clause has been added to ensure circulation of the Annual Report to the Members before the date of the Annual General Meeting for discussion and adoption at the meeting or at the next Monthly General Meeting.

The quorum for the Council Meeting is raised to 5 from 4 under 60(d) and for convening a Special Meeting of the Council, three instead of two Members shall be required to send in a requisition. Under rule 4, the strength of the Council Members is raised to 21 instead of 20 so as to include a nominee of the Government of India on the Council. The Government of India have now made it a practice that all institutions receiving Government Grants should have a representative of the Government on their Governing Bodies or Councils. It is, however, made clear that such a nominee must be a Member of the Society.

In Rule 64(b), instead of "ten or more" Members, the number is increased to "not less than thirty" for making a requisition for an appeal to the whole body of members. The same change is proposed in Rule 78 where it is also provided that for any change of Rules to be valid "two-thirds majority" instead of "three-fourths majority" be substituted.

Proposals regarding disposal of any immovable property, disposal of securities forming part of the Permanent Reserve Fund, amendments and alteration of the rules and general policies shall have to be circulated (64A) at least 30 days before the General Meeting at which they are to be discussed and amendments will be received at least 15 days before such a meeting.

A large number of Rules have not been changed, but some have been deleted and others simplified to remove any ambiguity in the working procedure of the Society. When the Rules are adopted, they shall have to be renumbered and all consequential changes adjusted before printing and distribution to members.

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STAFF.—Consideration of the question of graded annual increments to the Staff. Allow the usual annual grade increments to the following:—

Name and Designation.	*Grade.*	*Present Pay.*	*Increment Due.*
1. S. K. Saraswati (Librarian) ...	300—25—600	425/-	25/-
2. B. M. Chakravarti (Accountant)	200—10—300	220/-	10/-
3. J. G. Steele (Steno-typist) ...	125—15/2—200	170/-	15/-
4. G. N. Bhattacharya (Library Asst.)	125—15/2—200	125/-	15/-
5. B. B. Mukherjee (Files Assistant)	60—5—125	100/-	5/-
6. S. N. Banerjee (Files Assistant)	60—5—125	90/-	5/-
7. K. L. Das (Typist) ...	60—5—125	75/-	5/-

Fin. Com. 5, 12-1-51, Council 7, 17-1-51.

Consideration of the question of confirmation of Sri Bireswar Banerjee, Despatch Assistant. (Postponed from last meeting). Confirm with effect from 1-1-51 on an initial salary of Rs. 65/- in the grade 60—5—125/-. Fin. Com. 6, 12-1-51, Council 7, 17-1-51.

Consideration of the question of confirmation of D. Pradhan, Office Bearer. (Postponed from last meeting). Allow him to continue as a temporary hand up to 31-12-51 and to draw an increment of Re. 1/- only in salary with effect from 1-1-51. If there be a permanent vacancy in the meantime in the cadre of lower grade employees, he is to be absorbed in that vacancy if his work be satisfactory. Fin. Com. 7, 12-1-51, Council 7, 17-1-51.

Consideration of the leave application of duftry Habibur Rahaman for leave for an indefinite period on medical grounds.

(*Note.*—Duftry Habibur Rahaman is ailing for sometime past. It is not known how long he will have to remain on leave, so a substitute will be needed in his place. He may get Medical leave on full pay for one month with effect from 28-12-50). Grant Medical leave for one month on full pay with effect from 28-12-50. Substitute may be taken only if he extends his leave. He is to appear before Dr. A. C. Ukil before he is allowed to join. Council 2, 17-1-51.

Consideration of the application for leave from Sri R. Chatterjee, Superintendent, with effect from 17-3-51 to 31-3-51 on medical grounds. Leave prayed for sanctioned on full pay as per leave rules. Accountant to officiate as the Superintendent during the period of absence on receipt of lump allowance of Rs. 50/- (fifty) only, in addition to his usual pay. Council 11, 13-2-51.

Consideration of the leave application of Sri S. N. Banerjee, Sales Assistant dated 13-2-51 praying for privilege leave for 21 days with effect from 19th February; also his prayer for paying him his salary for February in advance before going on leave. Leave on full pay for 21 days allowed; the portion of leave not admissible to be adjusted later on from the leave earned. No advance payment of salary to be allowed. Council 14(c), 13-2-51.

Application from Ajit Ganguly, temporary dufftry, praying for confirmation. (*Note.*—The applicant is serving more than a year and is at present working in a permanent vacancy). Confirm appointment with effect from 1st July, 1951. Fin. Com. 12-3-51, Council 7, 15-3-51.

Consideration of the application of Sri Rabindra Nath Banerjee for one month's leave without pay with effect from 1-3-51. Action taken by the General Secretary approved. Leave granted. Council 4, 15-3-51.

Consideration of the leave application of Habibur Rahaman, Stock Dufftry for leave with pay on medical grounds. (*Note.*—The note of the Accountant

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was put on the table). Leave on half pay for one month on medical grounds as per rules. Council 11, 15-3-51.

Consideration of the application of Sk. Kasim Ali, Lower Grade employee, attached to the Library, absent from 3-11-50 to 23-2-51, asking for permission to join. Regret that the prayer cannot be entertained under the rules. Council 14(b), 15-3-51.

Consideration of the application of Sri Rabindra Nath Banerjee praying for leave without pay for 6 months with permission to retain his lien on the post of the Publication Assistant. Grant. Advertise for a temporary substitute with experience of press work. Mention that the vacancy is likely to be a permanent one. Council 18(d), 18-4-51.

Consideration of the application from Kasem Ali, Library Dufftry, discharged, to pay him his Provident Fund money and also a suitable gratuity. Pay the Provident Fund money in full. No Gratuity. Fin. Com. 10, 17-5-51, Council 8, 23-5-51.

Consideration of the application of the Lower Subordinate Staff for increment in their salary together with a note from the Honorary Treasurer. (Circ. No. 67). Resolved that the Finance Committee recommends to the Council that the grades and allowances of the Lower Subordinate Staff be as follows in place of the existing rates:—

		Existing as per A.S.B. Scales.	*Proposed based on W. B. Govt. Scales.*
Jamadar	...	Rs. 20—1/2—30 +Rs. 30 D.A.	Rs. 25—1—35 +Rs. 25 D.A. +Rs. 2 G.A. (Grain Allce.)
Dufftry	...	Rs. 20—1/2—30 +Rs. 30 D.A.	Rs. 30—1/2—35—1—45 +Rs. 2 G.A. +Rs. 2 G.A.
Durwan	...	Rs. 20—1/2—30 +Rs. 30 D.A.	Rs. 20—1/4—25 +Rs. 25 D.A. +Rs. 2 G.A.
Peon	...	Rs. 16—1/2—25 +Rs. 30 D.A.	Rs. 20—1/4—25 +Rs. 25 D.A. +Rs. 2 G.A.
Bearer	...	Rs. 16—1/2—25 +Rs. 30 D.A.	Rs. 20—1/4—25 +Rs. 25 D.A. +Rs. 2 G.A.
Mali	...	Rs. 16—1/2—25 +Rs. 30 D.A.	Rs. 20—1/4—25 +Rs. 25 D.A. +Rs. 2 G.A.
Sweeper	...	Rs. 16—1/2—25 +Rs. 30 D.A.	Rs. 20—1/4—25 +Rs. 25 D.A. +Rs. 2 G.A.

Further Resolved (i) that the designation Dufftry should be given only to those who are skilled or trained in the art of book-binding, ruling of papers, etc., and all other Lower Subordinates working in the Library or General Office as dufftries should be designated as Library Bearers or Office Bearers and the scale of pay of the latter category of persons now designated as dufftries should be that of the bearers in the new scale in accordance with their new designation.

(ii) That all temporary appointments in any of the grades should be on a fixed pay without showing the time scale of pay of the post concerned.

When the above recommendations concerning the categories and pay of the Lower Subordinate Staff are approved by the Council, the Finance Com-

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mittee will proceed to place the employees in their proper categories according to their qualifications and experience.

N.B.—(i) It is not proposed to reduce the total emoluments of any of the members of the Lower Subordinate Staff by their new grade placements. The difference if any will be treated as special personal pay till the amount is absorbed in subsequent increments.

(ii) The immediate financial liability of the Society by the acceptance of the above recommendations will be Rs. 102/- (for six months of the current year) and ultimate liability will be increased to Rs. 204/- per year. 17-5-51, Council 8, 23-5-51.

Modification by the Council.—That the existing five peons; one durwan's and six bearers' incremental steps in the proposed scale should be 1/2 and not 1/4 in the grade of Rs. 20—25. The placements in the new grades should be given effect to from 1st July, 1951. Fin. Com. 12, 17-5-51, Council 8, 23-5-51.

The appointment of a Publication Assistant.—Recommendation of the Selection Committee for appointment of a Publication Assistant. Report to the Ordinary Monthly Meeting to be held on 4-6-51 the appointment of Sri Amar C. Bose, M.A., as the Publication Assistant temporary on a fixed pay of Rs. 200/- per mensem, plus the usual D.A. of Rs. 45/-, in the leave vacancy of Sri Rabindra Banerjee, with effect from the date of his joining; and failing him the appointment of Sri Birendranath Ghosh, B.A., on a fixed pay of Rs. 180/-, plus the usual D.A. of Rs. 40/-. Council 14(c), 23-5-51.

Consideration of an application from Sk. Ebrahim, Library Dufftry, praying for permission to retire from service and sanctioning of a suitable gratuity in view of his long service of 28 years. Permit him to retire from 1st July, 1951. Allow gratuity at half month's pay for each complete year of service, that is, Rs. 405/-. Fin. Com. 10, 12-6-51, Council 8, 18-6-51.

Consideration of the question of confirmation of Sri Ramesh Ch. Misra, Typist, who is working as a probationer in a permanent post with effect from 8-5-50. Confirm with effect from 1-7-51 on an initial salary of Rs. 65/- in the grade 60—5—125/- with the usual D.A. Fin. Com. 6, 10-7-51, Council 8, 16-7-51.

Consideration of the leave application dated 12-8-51 of Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee, Superintendent, of the Society. Grant leave from 13-8-51 to 3-10-51 as due under the rules, with permission to suffix the Puja holidays. 25 p.c. of the initial salary of the Superintendent to be divided equally between the Librarian and the Accountant for work done during the leave period. Council 4, 20-8-51.

Consideration of the letter dated 17-8-51 from Sri Amar C. Bose, Publication Assistant, requesting to be relieved of his duties as early as possible as he has got an appointment as an Assistant Secretary to the Board of Secondary Education, West Bengal. Relieve. Sri N. Gupta to work in place of Sri Amar C. Bose, at present for two months, in addition to his duties in the Filing Section, with an acting allowance of Rs. 25/- only per month besides his usual monthly salary of Rs. 125/- only. Council 19, 20-8-51.

Report that Sri Binode Bihari Mukherji carried on urgent work in the Accounts Section during the leave on absence of Sri Bijay Madhab Chakravarti, Accountant. Council 12(c), 17-9-51.

Consideration of the case of Chaturbhuj, Durwan, of the Society, absenting himself from duty without notice since 5-11-51. Terminate services. Council 17, 19-11-51.

Consideration of the question of appointment of a Publication Assistant in place of the permanent incumbent Sri R. N. Banerjee, resigned. Continue present arrangement and advertise. Council 21, 19-11-51.

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Leave.—Consideration of the letter dated 16-10-51 from Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee, the Office Superintendent, on sick leave, praying for further extension of sick leave with effect from 16-10-51 to 30-11-51.

(*Note.*—Leave granted from 30- 7-51 to 31- 8-51 (full pay).
,, ,, ,, 1- 9-51 to 30- 9-51 (half pay).
,, ,, ,, 1-10-51 to 16-10-51 (half pay).

The applicant now wants leave from 17-10-51 to 30-11-51. He is entitled to get leave on half pay only up to 31-10-51. Any leave beyond that date may be leave without pay). Postpone consideration. Ask the Superintendent to appear before Dr. A. C. Ukil on the 28th November, 1951, at 9 A.M. Letter to be sent under registered cover, acknowledgement due. Present arrangements to continue till the next meeting of the Council and the post to be advertised if the President thinks fit. Council 5, 19-11-51.

Consideration of the letter dated 22-10-51 from Keshob Prasad Chaubey, office peon, praying for sick leave on medical ground.

(*Note.*—He is entitled to the following leave:

The whole of July, 1951 ... on full pay.
,, ,, ,, August ,, ... on half pay.
,, ,, ,, September ,, ... on half pay.
21 days of October, 1951 ... L. W. P.

Apply Rules. Council 6, 19-11-51.

Consideration of the leave application of Mehtawa, sweeper, praying for sick leave on medical ground.

(*Note.*—He is entitled to the following leave:—

10th June to 9th July, 1951 ... (full pay).
10th July to 9th August, 1951 ... (half pay).
10th August to 27th August, 1951 ... (half pay).

Apply rules. Council 7, 19-11-51.

Consideration of the question of allowing leave on half pay from 17-10-51 to 31-10-51, and leave without pay for November, 1951, to the Office Superintendent, Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee, and also of the connected papers in that connection. The General Secretary reported that following the Medical report of Dr. A. C. Ukil and under orders from the President, Mr. Chatterjee was allowed to join his duty with effect from December 1, last, and that Mr. Chatterjee joined on the forenoon of that date. (*Note.*—This matter was placed before the Council meeting dated 19-11-51 (*vide* item No. 5). The order of the last Council was to the effect: "Postpone consideration. Ask the Superintendent to appear before Dr. A. C. Ukil on the 28th November, 1951, at 9 P.M. Letter to be sent under registered cover, acknowledgement due. Present arrangements to continue till the next meeting of the Council and the post to be advertised if the President thinks fit). (a) Allow leave to Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee on half-pay from 17-10-51 to 31-10-51, and leave without pay for the whole of November, 1951. (b) The action taken by the President be approved. Council 18, 17-12-51.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of an application from Staff jointly, praying for *Interim* relief during the coming Pujas on account of the high cost of all essential commodities. (*Note.*—From Hony. Treasurer placed on the table). Allow, as a special case, a Puja relief of Rs. 30/- per head to Assistants and Rs. 10/- per head to Lower Subordinate staff, with the proviso that this should not be treated as creating any precedent .

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LIST OF ORDINARY MEMBERS, 1951

R = Resident. N = Non-Resident. F = Foreign. L = Life.

Date of Election.		
2-4-51	R	**Abu** AHMED CZILL-AL-WAHEED, *Writer* ; 6, Lower Range, Calcutta—17.
3-9-51	R	**Agarwal,** SANT KUMAR, *Cadet,* T.S. Dufferin, Bombay, c/o Mr. Satguru Das, Lionel Edwards, D1, Clive Buildings, Calcutta—1
5-3-51	R	**Agrawal,** SASANT KUMAR, B.SC., *Kavyatirtha, Visarad, Merchant, Managing Director,* Mahuamilan Coal Mines, Ltd., 6, Hanspukur Lane, Calcutta—7.
3-12-51	R	**Agarwala,** NEWAL KISHORE, B.A., LL.B., *Barrister-at-Law,* 5, Tilak Road, Calcutta—29.
2-7-51	N	**Apparao,** KESIRAJU VENKATA NARASINHA, M.A., *Ubhayabhasha Praveena, Rashtrabhasha Visharad, Principal,* S.V.J.V., Sanskrit College, Kovvur, West Godavari District, Madras State.
1-1-51	R	**Bajaria,** BHAGWANDAS, B.A., *Merchant,* 42, Jawtolla, Ballygunge, Calcutta—19.
3-9-51	R	**Bandyopadhyay,** KARUNES, B.SC., with Honours in Engineering (Glasgow), *Lecturer in Applied Physics,* University College of Science, 92, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta—9.
7-5-51	R	**Banerjee,** JOY SANKAR, Captain, M.SC., *Army Officer,* 4/1/1A, Hem Kar Lane, Calcutta—5.
1-1-51	R	**Banerjee,** PARESH LALL, *Associated Member,* Indian Institute of Metals, Salesman, National Pipes & Tubes Co., Ltd., Stephen House, Calcutta—1; 16/1A, Madan Mitter Lane, Calcutta—6.
2-4-51	R	**Banerji,** TARUN KUMAR, B.A., *Inquiry Officer,* attached to land Acquisition Collector, Calcutta; 154, Russa Road, Calcutta—25.
2-4-51	R	**Baruwa,** UMESH CHANDRA, B.A., *Branch Manager,* Lakshmi Insurance Co., Ltd., 7, Esplanade East, Calcutta ; P36, Golf Club Road, Tollygunge, Calcutta—33.
1-1-51	R	**Basu,** MIRA (MISS), M.A., *Teaching and Research in Indian History,* 96, Ballygunge Place, Calcutta.
6-8-51	R	**Bhattacharyya,** CHAPALAKANTA, M.A., B.L., *Editor,* Ananda Bazar Patrika, Journalist, 24A, Hemendra Sen Street, Calcutta—6.
2-7-51	R	**Bhattacharjee,** SRI SUDHINDRA NATH, M.A., *Journalist,* 60/4, Shyampukur Street, Calcutta—4.
5-2-51	N	**Bose,** NARAYAN, B.E., *Service,* S.D.O., (C.P.W.D.), Damodar House, P.O. Khardah, Dist. 24-Parganas.
4-9-50	R	**Bose,** SATYENDRA NATH, Prof., 7, Ballygunge Circular Road, Calcutta.
6-8-51	R	**Chakrabarti,** ASIT KUMAR, B.COM., *Professional Accountant,* 38, Scott Lane, Calcutta—9.
1-7-40	R	**Chatterjee,** A. B., M.A., F.R.ECON.S. (Lond.), *Director and Secretary,* the Metropolitan Insurance Co., Ltd.: Editor, 'Bangasree', etc., 7, Chowringhee Road, Calcutta—13.
5-2-51	R	**Chatterji,** BENOY KUMAR, M.A., *Professor of History,* Howrah Girls' College, Vill. Mauri, P.O. Andul Mauri, Dist. Howrah.
2-7-51	R	**Chatterjee,** KOKANAD, *Sahitya Saraswati, Jnanasree, Educationist,* 48/G, Garcha Road, Ballygunge, Calcutta—19.
3-12-51	R	**Chatterji,** TAPAN MOHAN, *Barrister-at-Law,* 33, McLeod Street, Park Street, Calcutta—16.
2-4-51	R	**Chattopadhyaya,** DEVIPRASAD, M.A., *Lecturer,* City College, Calcutta; 3, Sambhunath Pundit Street, Calcutta.

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6-8-51	N	**Day,** UPENDRA NATH, M.A., *Head of History Dept.,* Hindu College, P.O. Chandpur, Dist. Bijnore, U.P.
3-12-51	R	**Deb,** AJOYENDRA KRISHNA, M.A., *Student in Ancient Indian History,* 25, Shampooker Street, Calcutta—4.
5-11-51	N	**Deb Nath,** CHANDDRASEKHAR, M.A., *Professor of Logic,* Garhbeta College, Dist. Midnapur.
5-11-51	R	**Delannoy,** DENISE, (MISS), *French Scholar and Fellowship of the University of Calcutta, Y.W.C.A.,* 1, Middleton, Row, Calcutta—16.
3-12-51	N	**Devaraj,** J., M.A., L.T., PH.D., *Lecturer in History and Politics,* Osmania University, 265, Nallagutta, Secunderabad, Deccan.
5-11-51	R	**Devi,** HIRAKUMARI, *Sankhya-Vyakaran-Vedanta-Tirtha, Scholar,* 210A, Rash Behari Avenue, Calcutta—29.
5-11-51	N	**Donald,** G. GROOM, *Warden-Friends Rural Centre,* Rasulia, Hoshnabad, M.P.
5-11-51	R	**Dutt,** KRISHNA KISHORE, M.B., D.T.M., *Medical Practitioner,* 114, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta—9.
4-6-51	R	**Dutta** CHAUDHURY, GEETA (MISS), M.A., *Research Worker,* 21-D, Ekdalia Place, Ballygunge, Calcutta.
4-6-51	R	**Ghosh,** BAIDYA NATH, B.A., *Educationist,* 42, Akrabati Lane, P.O. Serampore, Hooghly.
4-6-51	R	**Ghosh,** BALAI KUMAR, M.A., *Research Student,* 23, Joy Kristo Paul Road, Kidderpore, Calcutta.
6-8-51	R	**Ghosh.** PRAFULLA CHANDRA, D.SC., M.L.A., 6, Suren Tagore Road, Calcutta—19.
6-9-50	R	**Guha,** B. C., D.SC., F.N.I., 5, Janak Road, Calcutta—29.
5-11-51	R	**Guha Ray.** SAILENDRA NATH, *Director-in-Charge,* Sree Saraswati Press, Ltd., 32, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta—9.
4-6-51	N	**Hasan.** NURUL S., M.A., D.PHIL. (Oxon.), F.R.HIST.S., *Reader in History,* Muslim University, Aligarh.
3-12-51	R	**Hazra,** RAJENDRA CHANDRA, M.A., PH.D., D.LITT., *Associate Professor of Smriti & Purana,* Research Dept., Govt. Sanskrit College, Calcutta, P133B, Lake Terrace, Ballygunge, Calcutta.
4-6-51	N	**Indra,** BASANTA KUMAR, M.A., B.L., *Advocate,* 256, Upper Chitpur Road, Calcutta—3; Hotel Hillview, Kalimpong (Darjeeling).
1-1-51	N	**Jakhetia,** JAGDISH PRASAD, B.COM., *Principal,* Saraswati Higher Secondary School, Najbabad.
2-7-51	N	**Kaiser,** K. M., JANAB, B.A., Ahsan Manzil, Dacca, Pakistan.
3-9-51	R	**Karnani,** INDRA KUMAR, *Member,* Royal Society of Arts (London), *Banker & Merchant,* 3, Synagogue Street, Calcutta.
5-11-51	R	**Khan,** NIAZ AHMAD, M.A., B.T., *Lecturer,* Central Calcutta College, 16, Wellesley Square, Calcutta.
2-7-51	R	**Khwaja,** MUHAMMAD KAISER, B.A. (Hons.), Pakistan Foreign Service, First Secretary, Pakistan High Commissioner, 9, Circus Avenue, Calcutta—17.
2-7-51	R	**Kulkarni,** BALAKRISHNA WASUDEO, B.SC. (Eng.), Engineer, Mechanical E.E. & S. Ltd. (Birla Bros.), 1/A, Vansittart Row, Calcutta—1, P/40/B, Basanta Roy Road, Calcutta.
4-6-51	N	**Kulshreshtha,** SHYAM SHARUP, M.A., (Econ.), M.A. (Geo.), LL.B., B.COM. (Allahabad), *Professor,* Maharana Bhupal College, Udaipur.
1-1-51	R	**Lahiri,** AMARENDRA NATH, M.A., *Service* (West Bengal Govt.), 8/5, Barrackpore Trunk Road, Calcutta—2.
7-5-51	R	**Lodha,** JASWANT SINGH, B.COM., LL.M. (London), F.C.A., A.C.A. (Eng.), *Chartered Accountant,* 1B, Old Post Office Street, Calcutta—1.
5-12-50	R	**Maitra,** K. M., M.A., 68/4, Pratapaditya Road, Kalighat, Calcutta.
5-3-51	F	**Maston,** ROBERT EDWARD, B.A., B.D., *Dubuque University,* Iowa State College, La Universidad de Mexico, 223-17th Street, Wilmette, Illinois.

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2-4-51	N	**Misra,** RADHA KANTA, M.A., *Lecturer,* G.M. College, P.O. Sambalpur, Orissa.
5-3-51	R	**Mukherjee,** BHOLANATH, M.A. (Premchand Roychand Scholar), *Professor of Mathematics,* Scottish Church College, 45, Harish Mukherjee Road, Bhowanipur, Calcutta—25.
7-5-51	R	**Mukherjee,** NIRMAL CHANDRA, Film Artist, 17, Allenby Road, P.O. Elgin Road, Calcutta—20.
4-6-51	R	**Mukherji,** AMIYA CHANDRA, M.A., B.L., *Member,* Indian Association, Bangya Sahitya Parishad, Botanical Society of Bengal, etc., Advocate, High Court, Calcutta, 52F, Hazra Road, Calcutta—19.
2-4-51	R	**Mukherji,** BINOY BHUSHAN, B.A., B.L., *Assistant Sales Manager* Blackwoods, Ltd., 73B, Harish Mukerji Road, Bhowanipore, Calcutta.
6-8-51	R	**Mukherji,** KSHIRODE CHANDRA, M.A., *Lecturer in Psychology,* Calcutta University, Govt. Housing Estate, Block "A", Flat 10, Calcutta—14.
6-8-51	R	**Nag,** ANIL CHANDRA, M.SC., A.C.I.I. (London), *Lecturer,* Dept. of Statistics, Calcutta University, 90, Basanta Roy Road, Calcutta—29.
5-3-51	R	**Nath,** KIDAR, M.A., LL.B., 3, Moore Avenue, Tollygunge, Calcutta.
5-3-51	R	**Pal,** RUDRENDRA KUMAR, D.SC. (Edin.), M.SC., M.B. (Cal.), M.R.C.P., F.R.S.E., *Professor of Physiology,* R. G. Kar Medical College, 5/4, Ballygunge Place, Calcutta—19.
3-9-51	R	**Pande,** SHARDA PRASAD, M.A., LL.B., *Government Service* (Income Tax Officer), c/o I.A.C. (Training), 3, Government Place West, Calcutta.
2-4-51	N	**Panigrahi,** KRISHNA CHANDRA, M.A., *Curator of Orissa Museum,* Bhubaneswar, P.O. Bhubaneswar, Dist. Puri.
3-12-51	F	**Park,** HELEN GRAHAM, A.I.A., and A.I.D., *Architect and Designer,* 102, Maiden Lane, New York 5, N.Y.
3-12-51	N	**Presler,** HENRY H., PH.D., *Professor,* Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, C.P.
2-4-51	N	**Ray,** BHABANI CHARAN, M.A., *Lecturer,* G.M. College, P.O. & Dist. Sambalpur, Orissa.
6-8-51	N	**Roy,** SUNIL CHANDRA, M.A., *Archaeological Department,* Govt. of India, Central Asian Antiquities Museum, Queensway, New Delhi.
5-3-51	N	**Roy,** CHITTARANJAN, M.SC., B.L., *Pleader,* Midnapur Post and Dist.
2-7-51	R	**Roy,** RASHBIHARI, M.A., *Superintendent,* Oriental Seminary, Calcutta, Author, 16A, Nimtola Lane, Calcutta—6.
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7-8-44	Agra University, Agra.
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1930 **Seligman,** DR. CHARLES GABRIEL, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.
1933 **Dubois,** EUGENE.
1936 **Hutton,** DR. JOHN HENRY, C.I.E., M.A., D.SC., F.A.S.
1939 **Weidenreich,** FRANK.
1942 **Guha,** DR. B. S., M.A., A.M., PH.D., F.N.I., F.A.S.
1945 **Seymour-Sewell,** LT.-COL. R. B. S., C.D.E., M.A., SC.D. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.Z.S., F.L.S., F.R.S., F.A.S., F.N.I.
1948 **Bose,** SRI NIRMAL KUMAR, M.SC.
1951 **Elwin,** DR. VERRIER, D.SC. (Oxon.), F.N.I., F.R.A.I., F.A.S.

SIR JADUNATH SARKAR GOLD MEDAL

1947 **Pissurlencar,** SIR S. S. PANDURANGA
1949 **Gupta,** DR. HARI RAM, M.A., PH.D., L LITT.
1951 **Qanungo,** DR. KALIKARANJAN, M.A., PH.D.

JOY GOBIND LAW MEMORIAL MEDAL

RECIPIENTS

1929 **Weber,** MAX.
1932 **Hartert,** ERNST J. O., PH.D.
1935 **Berg,** LEO SEMENOWITCH.
1938 **Prasad,** DR. BAINI, O.B.E., D.SC., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.A.S.
1941 **Bahl,** DR. K. N., D.SC., D.PHIL., F.N.I., F.A.S.
1944 **Hora,** DR. S. L., D.SC., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.

PAUL JOHANNES BRÜHL MEMORIAL MEDAL

RECIPIENTS

1931 **Blatter,** ETHELBERT, S.J.
1934 **Burkill,** ISAAC HENRY, M.A.
1938 **Prain,** SIR DAVID, KT., F.R.S.
1942 **Ayyangar,** R. B. G. N. RANGASWAMI, F.N.I.
1944 **Bor,** DR. N. L., D.SC.
1947 **Bose,** PROF. S. R., M.A., PH.D., F.N.I.

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INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS MEDAL, CALCUTTA

Recipients

1935 **Saha,** Dr. Meghnad, D.Sc., F.R.S., F.A.S.
1938 **Jeans,** Sir James H., D.Sc., Sc.D., LL.D., F.I.C., F.R.S.
1943 **Agharkar,** Dr. S. P., M.A., Ph.D., F.N.I.
1951 **Mukherji,** Dr. B. D.Sc., M.D.

PRAMATHA NATH BOSE MEMORIAL MEDAL

Recipients

1943 **Fermor,** Sir Lewis L., F.R.S.
1947 **Wadia,** D. N., M.A., B.Sc., F.R.G.S., F.A.S., F.N.I.
1950 **West,** Dr. W. D., M.A., Sc.D. (Cantab.), F.N.I., F.A.S.

DR. BIMALA CHURN LAW GOLD MEDAL

Recipients

1943 **Chatterji,** Dr. Suniti Kumar, M.A., D.Litt., F.A.S.
1944 **Bhandarkar,** D[illegible] D. R., M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.
1945 **Brown,** Percy, M.B.E., A.R.C.A., F.A.S.
1946 **Marshall,** Sir John, C.I.E.
1947 **Barua,** Dr. B. M., M.A., Ph.D.
1949 **Ghoshal,** Dr. U. N., M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.
1951 **Ray** Chaudhuri, Dr. Hem Chandra, M.A., Ph.D. (Carmichael).

SARAT CHANDRA ROY MEMORIAL MEDAL

Recipients

1944 **Elwin,** Dr. Verrier, D.Sc. (Oxon.), F.N.I., F.R.A.I., F.A.S
1945 **Mills,** J. P., C.I.E., I.C.S., F.A.S.
1946 **Grigson,** W. V., I.C.S.
1949 **Ehrenfels,** Dr. U. R., Ph D.

DURGA PROSAD KHAITAN MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL

Recipients

1946 **Birla,** Mr. G. D.
1948 **Ghosh,** Sir J. C., Kt., D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S.
1950 **Lalbhai,** Shri Kasturbhai.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETINGS, 1951

MONDAY, *the 1st of January, 1951, 5-15 p.m.*

Members:

MR. K. P. KHAITAN, *Vice-President* (in the Chair)

Agrawal, B. M.
Chatterjee, R.
Chopra, Hira Lall
Guha, B. S.
Habibullah, A. B. M.
Ray, G.
Ray, Nihar-ranjan,
Ray Chaudhuri, G. C.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, Nirmal K.
Siddiqi, M. Z.
Samsookha, P. C.

Visitor:

Bajoria, B.

1. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 4-12-50 were read by the General Secretary and confirmed.

2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 13 books for the Library of the Society by presentation and purchase, during November, 1950, and said that they were exhibited on the table for members interested.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out from the printed list the names of the candidates for Membership to be balloted for and appointed Mr. B. M. Agrawal and Mr. N. K. Sen as scrutineers.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any Member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule 57(d)*.

There was no such motion.

The Chairman then requested Mr. B. Agrawal to move the motion of which he had given notice at the last Monthly Meeting.

Mr. B. M. Agrawal said: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I beg to move the following motion that stands in my name:

> "Resolved that notices of Ordinary Monthly Meetings be posted to Members well in advance so as to reach them not later than the Friday preceding the date of the meeting."

"As you probably know, *Rule No. 56* provides that 'the Society shall meet on the first Monday of each month, excepting in September and October; but the Council may, if they consider it desirable, appoint a Meeting to be held as usual in one or both of these months.' Therefore, there is a necessity of giving notice to Members as to when the Monthly meeting is to be held. In fact the invariable practice has been to give notice of the meeting. I have been a member for the last 4 or 5 years and

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I have received notice sometimes before and sometimes after the meeting had been held giving the date and time. The time of the meeting varies to suit the convenience of members. Therefore it is necessary that notice should be given to members and that notice should be sent well in advance."

The Chairman made a suggestion before the resolution was put to the vote. He said: "We should leave it to the Secretary for the time being to do voluntarily the best that he can under the circumstances and refer the matter to the Council. Why I tell you this, is because we have members all over the world and the form in which the motion has been worded will not do. The point is that we should not invalidate a meeting simply because the notice did not reach some members. The question, I think, has to be discussed in the Council and I suggest that somebody should propose that the Council be requested to deal with this matter."

Dr. B. S. Guha: "Mr. Chairman, I accept your suggestion and propose that this matter be referred to the Council."

Mr. B. M. Agrawal agreed to the proposal of Dr. Guha.

The General Secretary said a few words about certain administrative difficulties of getting these notices ready in time and said that in future the best possible would be done in the matter.

The Chairman then announced that with the consent of the mover, Mr. Agrawal's motion was to be referred to the Council.

5. The Chairman then called upon the General Secretary to place the following reports from the Council under *Rules* 57(*g*) and 48(*d*):—

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—1.

Mr. Herbert Gray Hughes (Ordinary Member since 4-11-46)

(*b*) Resignations—2.

Mr. A. J. Dash ... (Ordinary Member since Feb., 1945)
Srijut J. N. Bhan ... (,, ,, ,, 6-5-46)

(*c*) Lapses of Election.—17.

1. Arun Kumar Sircar, 2. Sushil Kumar Bose, 3. Benjamin Lyall, 4. Nanda Lal Kunda, 5. Nirmal Chandra Maitra, 6. Monomohan Chatterjee, 7. Gitish Chanda, 8. Bijit Chanda, 9. Bholanath Ghosh, 10. Amar Kumar Ray, 11. Jnananjan Niyogi, 12. Haripada Das, 13. Irfan Ahmed Faruqi, 14. Sukha Ranjan Roy, 15. Somenath Banerjee, 16. Gayatri Sen, 17. Bama Charan Ghosh.

(*d*) That the Society's Hall and Landing have been lent out to the British Council for holding a Book Exhibition in mid-February, 1951.

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(*e*) Extension (under *Rule 48d*) of the Research Fellowships up to 31-3-51 on the expiry of the present terms on 31-12-50.

(*f*) That Sri Ramesh Chandra Misra has been appointed temporarily as an Assistant in the Typing Section with effect from 8-5-50 *vice* A. N. Bhattacharya (resigned) on an initial salary of Rs. 60/- per month, plus the usual dearness allowance. (*Rule 48d*).

(*g*) Extension of the probationary period of Sri Bireswar Banerjee, Despatch Assistant, up to 31-1-51. (*Rule 48d*).

6. The Chairman requested Dr. B. S. Guha to be good enough to read his paper on "The Indian Aborigines and Their Administration."

Dr. B. S. Guha said: "The population of India consists of a large number of aboriginal tribes, about 25 millions, inhabiting the hilly parts of the country in the South, Central, North and part of North-east regions." He described these tribes in detail, emphasising their physical characteristics, their life and culture, their social customs and agricultural methods, their laws and institutions. "The administration of these peoples", he continued, "is a very difficult problem, for on the one hand it is a mistake to keep them completely isolated, as isolation leads to stagnation and decay. On the other hand indiscriminate contact is also harmful to the tribes as is shown by the rapid depopulation of the primitive tribes in Australia, Melanesia and the U.S.A. The correct policy of administration should safeguard the tribal integrity and social organisation, at the same time evolving ways and means of gradual adjustment of the tribal population to changed conditions and their slow integration into the general life of the country without undue and hasty disruptions. The healthy, vigorous and colourful life of the aboriginal population should not be substituted for a life of emasculation and stagnation in the name of reform and progress."

The Chairman thanked Dr. Guha for his very interesting speech.

7. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced that the following new Members had all been duly elected; and the Meeting then terminated.

(88) *Jakhetia, Jagadish Prasad,* B.Com., Principal, Saraswati Higher Secondary School, Najbabad.
Proposer: Tajendra Kumar. *Seconder*: R. N. Kela.

(89) *Bajoria, Bhagwandas,* B.A., Merchant, 42, Jawtolla, Ballyganj, Calcutta—19.
Proposer: B. M. Agarwal. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(90) *Banerjee, Paresh Lall,* Associated Member, Indian Institute of Metals, Salesman, National Pipes & Tubes Co., Ltd., Stephen House, Calcutta—1. 16/1A, Madan Mitter Lane, Calcutta—6.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(91) *Basu, Mira* (*Miss*), M.A., Teaching and Research in Indian History; 96, Ballygunge Place, Calcutta.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

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(92) *Lahiri, Amarendra Nath*, M.A., Service (West Bengal Govt.); 8/5, Barrackpore Trunk Road, Calcutta—2.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

(93) *Daga, Pratap Singh*, B.Com., Business, C/o Shree Prabhat Products, 8/A/B, Brajodulal Street, Calcutta.

Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: M. Husain.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Monthly Meeting held on MONDAY, *the 5th February, 1951, immediately after the termination of the Annual Meeting.*

PRESENT:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. P. MOOKERJEE, M.A., B.L., *Vice-President* (in the Chair)

Members:

Auden, J. B.
Banerjea, J. N.
Bhaduri, J. L.
Brahmachari, P.
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chatterjee, R.
Chatterji, S. K.
Dutt, N.
Ghoshal, U. N.
Griffiths, W. G.
Khaitan, K. P.
Mukherjee, Bijay B.
Siddiqi, M. Z.
West, W. D.

Visitors: 8

1. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on the 1st of January, 1951, were taken as read and confirmed.

2. The Chairman directed the ballot-papers to be distributed to the members for election of Ordinary Members and appointed Dr. N. Dutt and Mr. P. P. Chatterjee as scrutineers for scrutinising the voting papers.

3. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule* 57(*d*).

There was no such motion.

4. The Chairman then announced the reports and communications from the Council under *Rule* 57(*g*) and 48(*d*):

(*a*) Deaths—Nil.

(*b*) Resignations—2.

Miss Gita Datta ... (Ord. Resident Member since 2-8-48)

Mr. Bhupes Lobhan Sen (Ord. Non-resident Member since 5-4-44)

(*c*) Withdrawal of application—Nil.

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(*d*) Papers—Nil.

(*e*) Exhibits—Nil.

(*f*) That Sri Bireswar Banerjee has been appointed substantively as an Assistant in the General Office on an initial salary of Rs. 65/- per mensem in the grade of Rs. 60—5—125/- with effect from 1-1-51, (under *Rule 48d*).

(*g*) That the Council approved of the admission of the Central Inland Fisheries Research Station as an Institutional Member, under Reg. (2) of the Regulations regarding Institutional Membership.

5. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of Ordinary Members and declared that all the candidates proposed for election were elected unanimously, as follows:—

(1) *Chatterji, Benoy Kumar,* M.A., Professor of History, Howrah Girls' College Vill. Mauri, P. O. Andul Mauri, Dist. Howrah.
Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: J. N. Banerjea.

(2) *Bose, Narayan, B. E.,* Service, S. D. O. (C.P.W.D.), Damodar House, P. O. Khardah, Dist. 24-Parganas.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: K. P. Chattopadhyay.

(3) *Swaika, Shyam Sundar,* Merchant, Mill Owner, "Pollock House", 18-B, Brabourne Road, Calcutta.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: K. M. Maitra.

6. The Chairman then requested the Members to kindly go about and see the Exhibition of rich and varied manuscripts, etc. which had been arranged for in connection with the Annual General Meeting of the Society. After this the meeting dispersed.

MONDAY, *the 5th March, 1951, 5-15 p.m.*

PRESENT:

DR. S. K. MITRA, D.SC., F.N.I., F.R.A.S.B. *President* (in the Chair)

Members: 16

Bagchi, K. N.
Bhattacharyya, A.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, R.
Chatterji, (Mrs.) Bani
Chatterji, S. K.
Das Gupta, C. C.
Gupta, A. B.
Hora, S. L.
Maitra, K. M.
Mookerjee, R. P.
Mukherjea, Abani Bhushan
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmal Kumar

Visitor:
Nil.

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1. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 5-2-51 were read by the General Secretary and confirmed.

2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 56 books presented to and purchased by the Society during January, 1951, as shown in the Appendix of the printed notice. The books were available in the reading room of the Library, for inspection by members.

3. The Chairman read out from the printed list the names of the candidates for membership to be balloted for. The ballot-papers having been distributed to the members, the Chairman appointed Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya to act as scrutineers. The Chairman said that while the scrutiny of the ballot-papers was going on, the next item on the agenda might be taken up.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule* 57(*d*).

There was no notice of any such motion.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: I give notice of a motion to the effect that the proposed new Rules of the Society should be expedited. I like to know what was the position? Since Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee assumed responsibility of the Presidentship of the Society during the last 3 years, things improved. During his term of office a committee was formed by the Council for revising the rules but due to many causes the work could not be finalised.

The Chairman: I would inform Mr. Bhattacharyya that the revision of the rules was overdue and my predecessor, Mr. Justice Mookerjee, had gone through the rules very carefully and made a number of suggestions. It is hoped that the rules would be considered by the Rules Revision Sub-Committee very soon and placed for final decision before the Council and also before the general body of members.

Prof. Bhattacharyya: Has the Rules Revision Committee been appointed?

The Chairman: Yes. I think the General Secretary will presently announce the personnel of all the new committees for 1951.

Prof. Bhattacharyya: If that is the position then I withdraw my motion with the permission of the President. The latter agreed to that.

5. The Chairman then called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports from the Council under *Rule* 57(*g*):

The General Secretary announced as follows:—

(*a*) Deaths—Nil.

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(*b*) Resignations—2.

Sri Bala Bux Singhania ... (Ord. Member since 6-8-45)
Mr. N. P. Engineer ... ... (Ord. Member since 6-5-46)

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—Nil.

(*d*) Lapses of election—Nil.

6. The Chairman: I would now call upon the General Secretary to announce the personnel of the various Committees formed by the Council for 1951.

The General Secretary read out the names as follows:—

(1) STATUTORY STANDING COMMITTEES

(*a*) *Finance*:—The President, the General Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. L. Hora, Mr. J. M. Sen, Mr. Abani Bandhu Gupta, Mr. K. P. Khaitan, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.

(*b*) *Library*:—The President, the General Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, Philological Secretary, Jt. Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Historical & Archaeological Secretary, Medical Secretary, Library Secretary (*ex-officio*), Dr. J. B. Auden, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

(*c*) *Publication*:—The President, the General Secretary, the Hony. Treasurer, Philological Secretary, Jt. Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Historical & Archaeological Secretary, Medical Secretary and Library Secretary (*ex-officio*), Sir Paul Benthall, Dr. Sukumar Sen, Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Sir Jadunath Sarkar.

(*d*) *Bibliotheca Indica*:—The President, the General Secretary, and the Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. N. Dutt, Principal Said Ahmad.

(2) ADVISORY COMMITTEES

(*a*) *Scientific Advisory Committee*:—The President, the General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. A. C. Ukil, Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Mr. J. M. Sen, Prof. Mihir Kumar Sen, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Sir Paul Benthall, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. P. C. Sarvadhikary, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. W. G. Griffiths, Mr. T. C. Das, Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. J. B. Auden, Sir Dr. J. C. Ghosh, Dr. P. K. Ghosh, Mr. Abani Mukherji.

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(*b*) *Cultural Advisory Committee*:—The President, the General Secretary, and the Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Principal Said Ahmad, Mrs. Bani Chatterjee, Dr. N. Dutt, Rai Bahadur B. B. Mukherji, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Mr. P. Sing, Mr. S. K. Saraswati, Prof. Nirmal Kumar Bose.

(*c*) *Membership Committee*:—The President, the General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen and Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.

(*d*) *Rules Revision Committee*:—The President, the General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Mr. J. M. Sen, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, and Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen.

(*e*) *Building Committee*:—The President, the General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. M. N. Saha, Mr. Bernard Mathews, Mr. K. P. Khaitan, Dr. S. L. Hora, Sir Paul Benthall, and Dr. D. M. Bose.

With regard to the Building Committee the General Secretary said:

"I may communicate to you that in the meanwhile Dr. M. N. Saha has withdrawn his name from the Building Committee as he would not be able to be present at the committee meetings. This matter will be placed before the next Council."

7. The Chairman said: I may announce that at the last meeting the Council sanctioned the conveyance allowance of the General Secretary for one year at Rs. 150/- per month with effect from 1-3-51 to 29-2-52.

8. The General Secretary said that there was a paper by Prof. Henkl. Since he was not present and a summary of the paper had been printed and circulated, members might allow the paper to be taken as read.

Dr. W. D. West: For the sake of better interest at these meetings I would make a suggestion. When a paper is down on the agenda and the author is not present, somebody can give us a short account of that paper. We don't come here to hear only the business matters but because we are attracted by some paper which is likely to interest us. Some of us came today because Prof. Henkl's paper was to be read at the meeting.

The Chairman replied that it was true that the members came not to transact purely business matters. He continued. "I think that in this case, as the Secretary told us, a short abstract had already been printed in the monthly meeting notice, but nevertheless I think it would be much better if somebody could take the paper of an absentee contributor and say something about the subject. To quote an instance, sometime ago the contri-

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butor of 'Ibn al-Haitham' to the Society's Journal was in England and I had to read out a summary. I think the Secretary will bear that in mind and ask somebody to read that paper and give us a gist of what the contributor has written."

Mr. Justice Mookerjee: That had been the practice in the past. The General Secretary did not do it, because that particular paper also formed the subject matter of another lecture which was illustrated by lantern slides and there was a general discussion on that subject. However, we ought to follow that practice.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharya: I would suggest for the attention of some of the Council members present here that they might better take note of what Dr. West said and have a summary of the paper read out.

The Chairman: A summary has been printed in the body of the monthly meeting notice.

Prof. Bhattacharyya: Council could have arranged for a longer summary.

General Secretary: If you would please allow me I might explain. The procedure suggested by Dr. West had always been followed in this Society. In respect of this particular paper the summary was done by myself. The author who had been residing in Kabul and was a Professor of the Kabul University, wrote to us that he would be coming here sometime in February. Since then he couldn't send a summary. We had been looking forward to his coming to read his own paper. I am giving you this explanation that we are not making a departure from the usual practice. It has been a last moment notice from the author himself that he would not be able to come and that was the reason why a more detailed summary could not be prepared.

The Chairman: The reason had already been given by Mr. Justice Mookerjee. Since the subject was once discussed and read in this hall, we chose to give a short summary. Sometimes it is difficult to find a person to read a paper which is not his. Reading of another contributor's paper is not always possible.

Mr. Justice Mookerjee: It is the practice that the lecturer always sends a summary along with his paper. If a summary is not printed in the monthly meeting notice there will be nobody here to follow the subject.

9. The Chairman then announced the result of the ballot. As reported by the scrutineers all the candidates mentioned below were elected unanimously:

(4) *Roy, Chittaranjan,* M.Sc., B.L., Pleader, Midnapur Post & Dist.
Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(5) *Mukherjee, Bholanath,* M.A., (Premchand Roychand Scholar), Professor of Mathematics, Scottish Church College; 45, Harish Mukherjee Road, Bhowanipur, Calcutta—25.
Proposer: D. K. Biswas. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

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(6) *Paknikar, Gopal K.*, A.I.I.A., M.S. (Columbia), A.M.T.P.I. (London), Professor of Architecture, B. E. College, Howrah.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

(7) *Maston, Robert Edward*, B.A., B.D., Dubuque University, Iowa State College, La Universidad de Mexico ; 223-17th Street, Wilmette, Illinois.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

(8) *Chaudhuri, Rabindra Nath*, M.B., M.R.C.P., T.D.D., F.N.I., Director and Professor of Tropical Medicine, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta ; 20, Duff Street, Calcutta.

Proposer: K. Biswas. *Seconder*: J. L. Bhaduri.

(9) *Pal, Rudhendra Kumar*, D.Sc. (Edin.), M.Sc., M.B. (Cal.), M.R.C.P., F.R.S.E., Professor R. G. Kar Medical College ; 5/4, Ballygunge Place, Calcutta—19.

Proposer: S. K. Mitra. *Seconder*: K. N. Bagchi.

(10) *Agrawal, Sasant Kumar*, B.Sc., Kavyatirtha, Visarad, Managing Director, Mahuamilan Coal Mines, Ltd. ; 6, Hanspukur Lane, Calcutta—7.

Proposer: Pandit Ayodhya Prasad. *Seconder*: B. M. Agrawal.

10. Dr. S. L. Hora, with the permission of the President, then made a few remarks about the Third Meeting of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council, which was held at Madras from the 1st to the 16th February, 1951. Representatives of 13 nations and 5 other organizations interested in the work of the Council were present at the meeting. The Indian Delegation was the largest and besides there was a large number of Indian visitors.

Dr. Hora exhibited a copy of the Preliminary Report of the Meeting which was handed over to each Delegate within 6 hours of the last sitting of the Council. That reflected great credit on the Secretariat of the Council, and showed in a way the efficiency with which the meeting was conducted. Dr. Hora also exhibited a printed copy of the Resolutions and Recommendations of the Meeting which had already been forwarded to the Member Governments for necessary action. As all this was done at Madras by the Indian staff, Dr. Hora stressed this point and stated that under proper guidance and supervision, Indian clerical staff can attain a very high degree of efficiency.

Young Indian fishery scientists attended the Meeting in a large number and fully availed themselves of this opportunity to discuss their technical problems with experts from other countries and gained greatly by such an exchange of views. Even for advanced scientists, the discussions served as Extension and Refresher Courses. Of the fishery problems of special interest to Bengal, Dr. Hora mentioned *Hilsa*, which, if the Council's recommendations are accepted, will form a subject of international research between India, Pakistan and Burma. When questioned as to what measures have been suggested by the Council for a greater production of fish, Dr. Hora pointed out that the most significant statement on this point was made by Mr. Boon, Director-General of Fisheries, Thailand (Siam), when he remarked that for increased production one should give to the fisherman what he wants. Narrating his personal experiences in Bengal

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Dr. Hora brought out the great value and truth of Mr. Boon's simple statement. When further questioned about the deep-sea fishing experiments now being conducted in Bengal, Dr. Hora stated that the subject of the "Introduction of non-indigenous gear" was discussed at one of the Sessions of the Meeting. Such a method of fishing in Indian waters was characterized as "Blind", for it was neither correlated with the biology of the fish stocks nor with the indigenous fishing gear. It only seeks to apply a method which has proved successful elsewhere but may or may not succeed in Bengal. To several other inquiries, Dr. Hora replied that the key to the development of fisheries lay in socio-economics rather than in biological or technological achievements. So long as the fisherman remains at a low social level and the profession of fishing does not attract persons of the so-called superior castes, the prospects of fishery development will remain very gloomy in this country.

After Dr. Hora concluded his speech, the Chairman said:

"I am sure Dr. Hora will be glad to answer any questions that may be put to him regarding the Conference, its aims and objects and what the conference had done in the past and what were the plans for the future."

A general discussion followed in which Prof. Bhattacharyya, Dr. Hora and others joined.

In conclusion the Chairman said: "I am sure you will join me in thanking Dr. Hora very heartily for the talk he has given us without any previous notice, specially because Prof. Henkl could not come." The meeting then terminated.

MONDAY, *the 2nd April, 1951, 5-15 p.m.*

PRESENT

DR. S. K. MITRA, *President* (in the Chair).

Members: 13

Bhattacharya, Sri Nirmal
Chakravarty, Pt. P.
Chatterjee, Sri R.
Chopra, Prof. Hira Lall
Gupta, Sri A. B.
Hora, Dr. S. L.
Mitra, Prof. Dr. S. K.
Maitra, Sri K. M.
Ray, Dr. N.
Saraswati, Sri S. K.
Sen, Prof. J. M.
Sen, Nirmal Kumar
Srinivasan, Mr. K. S.

Visitor:

Nil.

1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 5th March, 1951. The General Secretary read the minutes which was confirmed.

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2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 36 books presented to and purchased by the Society during February, 1951, as shown in the Appendix of the printed notice, and said that the books which were on the table might be inspected by the members.

3. The General Secretary read out the names of the candidates for Membership to be balloted from the printed list. The ballot-papers having been distributed to the members, the Chairman appointed Prof. J. M. Sen and Sri S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers. While the scrutiny of the ballot-papers was going on, the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member present at the meeting desired to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 57(d).

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports from the Council under Rule 57(g) and 48(d).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths.—Nil.

(b) Resignations.—2.

Mr. E. R. Mayer	... ...	(Ord. Member since 1-4-46)
Sri Tarapada Bhattacharyya	...	(Ord. Member since 4-7-49)

(2) Withdrawal of applications.—Nil.

(d) Notices of intended motions.—Nil.

(e) (i) That Dr. Stella Kramrisch would represent this Society at the 55th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at Philadelphia.

(*ii*) That the Council approved of the Institutional Membership of the India Office Library, Commonwealth Relations Office, London, with effect from the year 1951.

(*iii*) That (under Rule 48d) Ajit Kumar Ganguly who had been working in a temporary capacity since November, 1949, had been appointed permanently a lower grade employee in the General Office on an initial salary of Rs. 20 per mensem in the grade 20-1/2-30/- plus the usual D.A.

(f) *Communications*:—

(*i*) The Chairman requested Dr. S. L. Hora to make a communication on the visit of the Danish scientists to India.

Dr. Hora said that the main interests in the visit of the Danish scientists to India lay in, (a) a visit to the Ship, and

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(b) arrangements for a lecture to be delivered by a member of the Danish Expedition on Oceanography at the hall of the Society.

The Chairman said that the General Secretary would arrange for a lecture in the Society by a Danish scientist and that he would keep in touch with the Geological Survey of India concerning the dates of arrival, etc.

The General Secretary intimated that he had already written to the Geological Survey of India and would let the members know when the notice of arrival of the Ship would reach the Office.

Dr. Hora suggested that the Society should contact the members interested in this visit and arrange to take them in batches to the Ship.

(*ii*) The Chairman then requested Dr. S. L. Hora to make the communication that stood in his name on—"Fish in the Ramayana".

Dr. Hora exhibited replicas of five types of fish. A resume of his communication is given below:—

> "In the *Araṇyakānda of the Rāmāyaṇa* there are several references to fish, general as well as specific. The general references are in the nature of description of ocean and other sheets of water being full of fish and other aquatic animals. Among those living in ocean *timi* (whale) and *nakra* (alligator) are referred to. There is also a pointed reference to a *makara* caught on the hook baited with a piece of meat, which illustrates the practice of angling for catching fish. The sad plight of fish in a lake infested by serpents is also referred to. Besides, in connection with the description of the lake Pampa a few specific kinds of fish have been mentioned, such as *rohita, chakratunda* and *nalamina*. Gerrosio's version of the text substitutes *sakula* for *chakratunda*. Scale-less and fin-less fish, plump and full of bones, are also spoken of in this connection, and mention is also made of their being killed by shafts. Fish used to be prepared for eating by roasting on fire, and reference is also made to a kind of preparation with salt and long pepper (*pippali*)"

After Dr. Hora had finished his speech there was a short discussion in which the Chairman, and Prof. J. M. Sen participated.

The Chairman next remarked: On behalf of all of you I would convey sincerest thanks to Dr. Hora who had made

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a communication on a very useful subject. All hoped that he would continue on this subject and throw fresh light on these fish, and also on the probable age of the Rāmāyaṇa on purely scientific grounds.

6. *Exhibit:—The Kitabul'-Ta'liqati-Wan'-Nawadir,* of Abu Ali Harun b. Zakariyya-al Hajri—one of the most precious and rarest literary gems possessed by the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

The Arabic manuscript which would have been exhibited and commented upon by Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, could not be shown as Dr. Siddiqi had to go to Dacca to attend to some urgent matter.

7. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman declared that all the candidates proposed for membership of the Society had been duly elected, and the meeting then terminated.

(11) *Abu Ahmed Czili-al-Waheed,* Writer; 6, Lower Range, Calcutta—17.
Proposer: M. Ishaque. *Seconder*: M. Z. Siddiqi.

(12) *Misra, Radha Kanta,* M.A., Lecturer, G. M. College, P. O. Sambalpur, Orissa.
Proposer: P. Acharya. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(13) *Ray, Bhabani Charan,* M.A., Lecturer, G. M. College, P. O. & Dist. Sambalpur, Orissa.
Proposer: P. Acharya. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(14) *Panigrahi, Krishna Chandra,* M.A., Curator of Orissa Museum, Bhubaneswar, P. O. Bhubaneswar, Dist. Puri.
Proposer: P. Acharya. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(15) *Banerji, Tarun Kumar,* B.A., Enquiry Officer, attached to Land Acquisition Collector, Calcutta; 154, Russa Road, Calcutta—25.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(16) *Shukla, Trigunanand,* Kavyatirtha, M.A., Journalist; 3, Portuguese Church Street, Calcutta—1.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: Chintaharan Chakravarti.

(17) *Chattopadhyaya, Debiprasad,* M.A., Lecturer, City College, Calcutta; Sambhunath Pundit Street, Calcutta.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(18) *Baruwa, Umesh Chandra,* B.A., Branch Manager, Lakshmi Insurance Co., Ltd., 7, Esplanade East, Calcutta; P36, Golf Club Road, Tollygunge, Calcutta—33.
Proposer: S. K. Mitra. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

(19) *Mukerji, Binoy Bhushan,* B.L., Assistant Sales Manager, Blackwoods, Ltd.; 73B, Harish Mukerji Road, Bhowanipore, Calcutta.
Proposer: S. K. Mitra. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

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MONDAY, *the 7th May, 1951, 5-15 p.m.*

PRESENT

DR. S. K. MITRA, *President* (in the Chair).

Members:

Bagchi, K. N.	Mukherjee, Binoy Bhushan
Banerjee, Paresh Lall	Ray, Nihar-ranjan
Chatterji, Bani (Mrs.)	Saraswati, S. K.
Hora, S. L.	Siddiqi, M. Z.
Lahiri, A. N.	Sen, J. M.
Mukherjea, Abani	Sen, Nirmal Kumar,

1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 2nd April, 1951. The General Secretary read the minutes which was confirmed.

2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 59 books presented to and purchased by the Society during March, 1951, as shown in the Appendix of the printed notice.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the names of the candidates for Membership, and appointed Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Sri S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers. While the ballotting was going on the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule 57(d)*.

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports and communications from the Council under *Rule 57(g)* and *Rule 48(d)*:—

The General Secretary made the following reports and communications:—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignations—2.

Mr. Dhirendra Kumar Mukherjee (Ord. Member since 1949)
Mr. F. W. A. Carpenter ... (Ord. Member since 2-4-45)

(c) Withdrawal of applications—Nil.

(d) Lapses of election—Nil.

(e) That Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji is to represent the Society on the Special Committee for the appointment of the Kamala Lecturer appointed by the Calcutta University, and that Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray will be the Society's representative on

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the Special Committee appointed by the Calcutta University for the award of the Sarojini Basu Medal.

6. The Chairman requested Dr. S. L. Hora to read his paper on—

"Knowledge of the Ancient Hindus concerning Fish and Fisheries of India: *Matsyavinoda* or a chapter on Angling in the Mānasollāsa of King Somesvara (1127 A.D.)."

A summary of Dr. S. L. Hora's interesting speech on the above subject, which was also illuminated by lantern slides, is given below:—

"The publication of the Sanskrit manuscript of "Mānasollāsa" by King Somesvara, son of King Vikramaditya VI of the later Chalukyas, in the Gaekwad's Oriental Series (Publication No. XXVIII, Baroda, 1925), has brought to light a chapter on angling which gives details, almost modern in practice, about this pleasant pastime. "Mānasollāsa" is an encyclopædic work and was composed in A.D. 1127. The kingdom of Somesvara comprised practically the whole of the Deccan plateau and included the Godavari, Narbada, Tapti and Kistna river systems. It included the Marathi, Tamil and Telugu peoples and stretched from the east to the west coast of India.

The chapter on angling is entitled "Matsyavinoda", the pastime of angling. As many as thirty-seven species of Indian sporting fishes were mentioned. These are divided into marine, freshwater and anadromous kinds. They are then further divided into scaly and scaleless varieties, and each group is still further divided into large, medium and small according to size. From the etymological meanings of the fish names and other particulars given in the work about each kind, it has been possible to determine with a fair degree of certainty thirty-three out of thirty-seven species. The fishing tackle is dealt with under the three main components, namely, line, rod and hook. Various types of fibres for making a line are suggested, and their relative merits discussed. A solid bamboo shoot or a branch of a mangrove tree is suggested as suitable material for making a rod; types of suitable iron hooks were described.

For different groups of fishes different prescriptions were given for preparing ground baits, and methods of feeding various species were separately described. Somesvara also gives hints on the actual fishing technique and refers to details of ground bait, tackle, float, bait, casting the line, fish bite, striking a fish and playing a fish.

The data on angling embodied in Matsyavinoda was critically examined by comparing them with the information contained in the latest book on Indian angling by Macdonald, and the conclusion was reached that the art of angling was highly developed in India in the early Twelfth Century. The earliest European work on angling is

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dated 1492 and it is presumed that this art must have spread to Europe from India.

By studying inscriptions of irrigation tanks in Southern India, it has been possible to give an evolutionary sequence of fishing in such tanks. There are inscriptions of the fifth and sixth centuries A.D., showing that irrigation tanks were maintained from the revenue derived from paddy cultivation. In an inscription of the middle of the tenth century, there is mention of a fisherman, but he is assigned the work of supplying wood for the repairs of boats used for the desilting of tanks, and is paid for his labour in paddy. A Tamil inscription of A.D. 1112 mentions revenue derived from fishing for the maintenance of the tank, which shows that the art of pond culture and angling had already progressed fairly far. In all the inscriptions of the thirteenth to the sixteenth century, one finds that fishery revenue from irrigation tanks was sufficient for their maintenance. From this historical narrative, the art of sport fishing can definitely be assigned in southern India to the middle of the tenth century."

At the conclusion of Dr. Hora's speech the Chairman thanked him for his interesting talk which brought to light many valuable and scientific facts, and remarked that all looked forward to reading this paper when it would appear in the Journal of the Society.

7. The Chairman then called upon Shri S. K. Saraswati to show and comment upon the exhibit, viz.:

"A few documents relating to Slavery in Bengal."

A summary of Sri S. K. Saraswati's comments is given below. The original legal documents were projected on the screen through the epidiascope:

"Slavery was an old institution in ancient India as elsewhere. The ancient Indian law books as well as other texts refer to different kinds of slaves, their status and obligations, etc. in detail. From such references the institution of slavery appears to have been widespread in ancient India and is also known to have survived till very late in our history.

"The documents exhibited today were recovered from the archives of an old Zemindar family of East Bengal. They belonged to the first half of the last century and ranged in date from 1809 to 1834 A.D. A few of the documents related to mortgage for debts, the mortgagee pledging himself and his family to slavery in case of non-payment of debt within a stipulated period. A few related to persons pledging and Selling themselves for subsistence. These kinds of slaves were also referred to in our old law books and the practice survived till very nearly the present times. In each of these documents there was a clause

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that the owner was entitled to sole rights over the slaves through generations.

"The documents are written in Bengali and supply interesting specimens of legal phraseology current in those days."

This proved to be a very interesting topic of discussion and the following took part in that discussion: The Chairman, Dr. Hora, Dr. N. Ray, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. (Mrs.) Bani Chatterji.

8. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman declared that all the candidates proposed for membership of the Society had been duly elected, as follows:

(21) *Banerjee, Joy Sankar, Captain,* M.Sc., Army Officer; 4/1/1A, Hem Kar Lane, Calcutta—5.
Proposer: Suniti Kumar Chatterjee. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(22) *Mukherjee, Nirmal Chandra,* Film Artist; 17, Allenby Road, P. O. Elgin Road, Calcutta—20.
Proposer: Chintaharan Chakravarti. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(23) *Lodha, Jaswant Singh,* B.Com., LL.M. (London), F.C.A., A.C.A. (Eng.), Chartered Accountant; 1B, Old Post Office Street, Calcutta—1.
Proposer: B. M. Agrawal. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

MONDAY, *the 4th June, 1951, 5-15 p.m.*

PRESENT

MR. NIRMAL KUMAR SEN (A Senior Member) (in the Chair).

Members:

Agrawal, B. M.
Bhattacharyya, A.
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chatterjee, R.
De, S. K.
Gupta, A. B.
Mookerjee, R. P.
Ray, Nihar-ranjan,
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmal Kumar,
Trivedi, V. B.

Visitors: 3

As neither the President nor any of the Vice-Presidents was present the General Secretary said that it was within the power of the meeting to choose its own Chairman, under *Rule 55(b)*. Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen having been duly nominated took the Chair, proposed by Mr. S. K. Saraswati and seconded by Mr. B. M. Agrawal.

1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 7-5-51. The General Secretary read the minutes which was confirmed.

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2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 39 books presented to and purchased by the Society during April, 1951, as shown in the appendix of the printed notice. He said that the books were exhibited on the table and were available to the members for inspection.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the names of the candidates for Membership, and appointed Mr. S. K. Das and Mr. S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers. While the ballotting was going on the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule 57(d)*.

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports and communications from the Council under *Rule 57(g)* and *48(d)*:—

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignations—3.

Mr. Geoffrey W. Tyson	...	(Ord. Member since 3-5-43)
Mrs. M. Zinkin	...	(Ord. Member since 1945)
Mrs. H. Weiner	...	(Ord. Member since 7-11-49)

(c) Withdrawal of application—Nil.

(d) Lapses of election—Nil.

(e) Exhibits—Nil.

Under Rule 57(g):—

(*i*) That an amount of Rs. 1,500/- is to be debited to the closing balance of last year for allotment under the head "Building Repair Fund" for repairs to the roof of the main building.

(*ii*) That an amount of Rs. 2,000/- is to be transferred from the Publication Fund to the Oriental Publication Fund No. 2.

(*iii*) That Prof. J. M. Sen will officiate as the Honorary Treasurer with effect from 11-5-51 *vice* Dr. S. C. Law absent on leave.

(*iv*) That the salary and allowances of the Technical Assistant, Sri K. Sankara Sarma, be debited to the general fund under head "Library Improvements", instead of the "Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund", and the salary and allowances of one pasting duftry be debited to the "Preservation of Manuscripts Fund" instead of the "Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund", both with effect from 1-1-51.

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Under Rule 48(d):—

(*i*) That Sri Amar C. Bose, M.A., has been appointed as the Publication Assistant temporarily on a fixed pay of Rs. 200/- per mensem, plus Rs. 45/- as D.A. in the leave vacancy of Sri Rabindranath Banerjee, B.L., with effect from the date of his joining (*i.e.* 24-5-51).

(*ii*) That Sri Arabinda Ghosh and Janab Mohiuddin Ahmad have been appointed respectively as the James Prinsep and R. G. Casey, Research Fellows, with effect from the 1st June, 1951.

6. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to make arrangements for reading extracts from the following papers:—

(*i*) "Notes on some Inscriptions in the R.A.S.B." by Dr. D. C. Sircar.

(*ii*) "The Worship of Dharma in Assam" by Sri Maheswar Neog.

(*iii*) "Shadipur Inscription of Sultan Ghiyasuddin Mahmud Shah" by Sri N. B. Roy.

The General Secretary said that a synopsis of the article by Dr. D. C. Sircar which would eventually be published in the Journal of the Society had already been printed in the monthly meeting notice. Since it was pointed out at a previous meeting that either the Secretary or somebody present should actually present the paper before the meeting, it was thought that the summary that was printed in the monthly meeting notice might be read out. Since that was already in the hands of the members, he did not think that he could make any improvement on what had already been printed.

The same remark applied to the third paper that was on the agenda. This also would be printed in the Journal of the R.A.S.B. and a synopsis of the same had already been printed in the notice.

With regard to the second paper, *viz.*: "The Worship of Dharma in Assam" by Sri Maheswar Neog, the meeting was fortunate in having Mr. Asutosh Bhattacharjee present as he had specialized on the above subject. He would now present the paper on behalf of the author.

Mr. Bhattacharjee gave a very scholarly exposition of the paper at some length and the members present felt interested, particularly Mr. B. M. Agrawal and Mr. P. P. Chatterjee both of whom took part in the discussion that followed.

A gist of the paper as given in the monthly meeting notice is quoted below:—

"In this article the author attempted a survey of the Dharma cult which was widely prevalent in Assam before the time of the great Vaisnava Saint Samkaradeva and also survived even after his death.

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He quoted copious extracts from Nārāyaṇdeva's PADMAPURĀṆA and other authorities to indicate the special features and practices of this cult in Assam and pointed out the divergences presented by the cult of Dharma in Assam. The connection of Dharma with bull (the insignia of Siva) or with Kurma (tortoise) was explicit ; but the worship, as practised in Assam, was usually associated with and considered as a part of the worship of Manasā (Padmā)."

7. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman declared that all the following candidates proposed for membership of the Society had been duly elected :—

(24) *Hasan, Nurul S.*, M.A., D.Phil. (Oxon), F.R.Hist.S., Reader in History, Muslim University, Aligarh.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(25) *Ghosh, Balai Kumar*, M A., Research Student, 23, Joy Kristo Paul Road, Kidderpore, Calcutta.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(26) *Ghosh, Baidya Nath*, B.A., Educationist, 42, Akrabati Lane, P. O. Serampore, Hooghly.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: P. Chakravarti.

(27) *Dutta Chaudhury, Geeta (Miss)*, M.A., Research Worker, 21-D, Ekdalia Place, Ballygunge, Calcutta.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: P. Chakravarti.

(28) *Sen, Samarendra Nath*, M.Sc., Registrar, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Jadavpur, Calcutta—32.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(29) *Indra, Basanta Kumar*, M.A., B.L., Advocate, 256, Upper Chitpur Road, Calcutta—3. Hotel Hillview, Kalimpong (Darjeeling).
Proposer: Nirmal Kumar Bose. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(30) *Kulshreshtha, Shyam Swarup*, M.A., (Econ.), M.A. (Geog.), LL.B., B.Com. (Alld.), Professor, Maharana Bhupal College, Udaipur.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: P. Chakravarti.

(31) *Mukherji, Amiya Chandra*, M.A., B.L., Member, Indian Association, Bangiya Sahitya Parisad, Botanical Society of Bengal, etc., Advocate, High Court, Calcutta ; 52F, Hazra Road, Calcutta—19.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

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MONDAY, *the 2nd July, 1951, 5-30 p.m.*

PRESENT

PROF. DR. S. K. MITRA, *President* (in the Chair).

Members:

Agrawal, B. M.
Banerjea, J. N.
Bhattacharyya, A.
Chakravarti, Chintaharan,
Chatterjee, (Mrs.) Bani,
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chattopadhyaya, B. K.
Kanoria, G. K.
Majumdar, R. C.
Mitra, S. K.
Mookerjee, Rama Prasad,
Mukherji, Bijay Bihari,
Mukerji, Binoy Bhushan,
Ray, Nihar-ranjan,
Saraswati, S. K.
Sarma, J.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmal Kumar,
Shukla, Trigunanand
Sircar, Ganapati

Visitors: Nil

At the outset the Chairman made a short announcement about the change of the name of the Society. (*See* Appendix "A").

After this announcement the Chairman further said that arrangements were being made for announcing this early through the medium of newspapers.

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee said that the change of name would have to be made public in all the important papers throughout India.

The General Secretary replied that a notification would appear in the "Statesman", Calcutta and Delhi, the "Times of India" Bombay, "Amrita Bazar Patrika", Calcutta and Allahabad, "Hindusthan Times", Delhi and the Hindu Madras, on three consecutive days.

1. The Chairman then called upon the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 4-6-51. The General Secretary read the minutes which were confirmed.

2. The General Secretary announced receipt of 35 books presented to and purchased by the Society during May, 1951, as shown in the appendix of the printed notice.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the names of the candidates for Membership, and appointed Messrs. A. K. Majumdar and S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers. While the ballotting was going on, the Chairman proceeded with the other items on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule* 57(*d*).

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the

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following reports and communications from the Council under *Rule* 57(*g*) and 48(*d*):—

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignation—1.

Mr. R. Antoine, S.J. ... (Ord. Member since 7-3-49)

(c) Withdrawal of applications—Nil.

(*d*) Lapses of election—Nil.

(*e*) Notice of intended motion, if any—Nil.

Under Rule 57(*g*):—

(*i*) That an amount of Rs. 517-4-0 was to be appropriated from the closing balance by transfer to budget head "Insurance" for payment to Minimax Ltd. for the supply of fire-extinguishers.

(*ii*) That an amount of Rs. 1,000/- was to be provided for as extra allotment on the Budget Head No. XXI (Library Book Binding) by appropriation from the closing balance.

(*iii*) That Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray would represent this Society at the International Congress of Orientalists to be held at Istanbul from 15th to 22nd September, 1951.

(As there were some queries from members about their representation, the Chairman assured them that all the members who were likely to go would be getting letters. The General Secretary added that letters had already been issued to the other members who were likely to go and he had since received one reply from a member).

Under Rule 48(*d*):—

(*iv*) That the terms of Research Fellowship of Sri Bhabatosh Bhattacharyya, Sir William Jones Research Fellow, and of Sri Biswanath Banerjee, R. L. Mitra Research Fellow, had been extended up to 30-9-51.

(*v*) That Sk. Ebrahim, Library Duftry, had been allowed to retire wtth effect from 1-7-51 on receipt of a gratuity of Rs. 405/- in view of his long and satisfactory service of 28 years.

Sri B. K. Chattopadhyaya enquired as to whether there were any rules regarding the granting of gratuities to the staff.

The General Secretary replied that there were no specific rules to that effect but the Council considered every individual case and if the services rendered by the particular employee retiring, was satisfactory the Council

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sanctioned a gratuity on the basis of not more than half month's pay for each complete year of service up to a maximum of 15 months' pay.

(*vi*) That the Council changed the designations and ordered the new placements in respect of the Lower Grade employees (*vide* Appendix 'B'), as there were some anomalies in respect of a few hands who were wrongly designated as duftries. This involved a total additional expenditure of Rs. 90/- only for the current year. This set matters right in respect of the lower sub-ordinate staff who were claiming higher pay on the basis of the rates of pay brought into force in West Bengal in respect of the lower grade employees serving under the West Bengal Government.

6. The Chairman then requested Sri Basanta Kumar Chattopadhyaya to read a short summary of his paper on "The Upanishads and Vedic Sacrifices".

Sri B. K. Chattopadhyaya then read his paper, a brief summary of which is given below:—

"Western Scholars have generally expressed the view that the authors of the Upanisads having lost faith in the efficacy of Vedic sacrifices and in the existence of minor deities propounded the view that salvation can be attained by knowledge which enables one to realise Brahman and that Vedic sacrifices are useless for this purpose. In order to prove that the above view is incorrect passages have been quoted from the principal Upanisads, *e.g.*, Isa, Kena, Katha, Prasna, Mundaka, Taittiriya, Chandogya and Brihadaranyaka. In these passages the existence of minor gods has been admitted. It has been stated that by performing Vedic sacrifices one can attain heaven, that the performance of sacrifices without the desire for attaining heaven is also helpful in realizing Brahman and attaining moksa and that performance of Vedic sacrifices should not be neglected. Those passages of the Upanisads which are generally quoted in support of the view that the Upanisads are hostile to Vedic sacrifices have been examined and it has been shown that they do not support the view which is attributed to them. Extracts have also been quoted from the writings of modern Indian scholars like Prof. Hiriyanna, Dr. S. N. Das Gupta, Prof. R. D. Ranade, Dr. Radha Kumud Mukherji and Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan showing that they have followed the lead of the Western scholars and made the same mistake in understanding the Upanisads."

The Chairman then invited discussion on this paper.

The following took part in the discussion that followed: (1) Dr. R. C. Majumdar, (2) Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, (3) Sri B. B. Mukherjee, (4) Dr. M. Ghose, (5) Sri P. P. Chatterjee, and (6) Dr. J. N. Banerjea.

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7. The Chairman then requested Dr. R. C. Majumdar to make his comments about the three East Indian illustrated manuscripts in the Museum attached to the College of Indology Hindu University, Banaras, *viz.*:—

(*i*) Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā copied in the fourth year of the reign of Rāmapāladeva.

(*ii*) Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā copied in the fourth year of the reign of Gomīndrapāla.

(*iii*) Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā copied in Lakṣmaṇa Samvat 4 (?)

Dr. Majumdar said that he had photographs made of these valuable manuscript paintings which were now shown on the screen, and informed that only quite recently he had come upon these three manuscripts which were now in the College of Indology, Banaras University, after they had been acquired from the Kala Bhavan. Dr. Majumdar hoped that students of this subject would take a greater interest now that they were housed in the College of Indology at Banaras, and they belonged mostly to the 12th and the 13th centuries and threw a flood of light upon the history and development of the art and culture of Bengal.

8. The Chairman called upon Sri S. K. Saraswati to show and comment upon "The Copper Coin of Vyāghra".

Sri Saraswati then commented as follows:—

"The coin that is being exhibited this evening represents a thin circular piece with a legend on one side in characters of about the fourth century A.D. The legend side is divided into two fields by a horizontal line. In the upper field there appears a deer (?) running to left and several other motifs which are obliterated. In the lower field appears a legend consisting of three letters of which the first two are quite clear and may be read as *Vyāghra*. The third which seems to be a conjunct, is, however, somewhat blurred, and the reading hence is, to a certain extent, difficult. It may be tentatively suggested that it represents the genitive *sya* with the upper horizontal stroke of *sa* effaced. Below the legend appear traces of certain motifs too blurred to be made out.

On the other side appears a goddess, seated cross-legged on lotus, who may be identified as Lakshmī from similar devices on the reverse of Gupta gold coins. There are traces further of other devices, and perhaps also of letters, which, however, are much obliterated.

The first two letters appear to record the name of king, Vyāghra, given in genitive if the suggestion about the reading of the third letter be accepted. This name reminds us of several such names. One is that of Vyāghra-rāja of Mahākāntāra, mentioned in the Allahabad pillar inscription as having been defeated and re-instated by Samudragupta in course of his Southern campaign. The Nachne-ki-talai and

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Ganj inscriptions also refer to one Vyāghra-deva who was a feudatory of the Vākāṭaka king Pṛithivīsheṇa I. Further, there was a king of the name of Vyāghra-nāga in the Nāga dynasty. Coins of this particular king are known. There was again a king of the name of Vyāghra-sena in the Traikūṭaka family. The identity of names suggest that the coin on exhibit has to be attributed to any one of these kings. The attribution to the fourth, *i.e.*, Vyāghra-sena of the Traikūṭaka family, who flourished about the last decade of the fifth century A.D., is, however, precluded, as the coin, on account of the palaeography of the legend, is presumably about a century earlier in date. In fabric as well as in style, the present coin differs radically from the Nāga coins, including that of Vyāghra-nāga, and the identity of Vyāghra of this coin with Vyāghra-nāga appears hence to be far-fetched even as a conjecture. There remain two other names, Vyāghra-rāja of Mahākāntāra and Vyāghra-deva, the Vākāṭaka feudatory and an identity of Vyāghra of this coin with either of them may not appear improbable also from the point of view of date. It may be remarked further that according to some scholars Vyāghra-rāja of Mahākāntāra of the Allahabad pillar inscription and Vyāghra-deva, the Vākāṭaka feudatory of the Nachne-ki-talai and Ganj inscriptions refer to one and the same person. Apart from the question of identity, it may be inferred that both of them had been chiefs over regions in Central India. From such coins as those of Prasannamātra and of Mahendrāditya it is known that an extremely thin fabric was a distinctive characteristic of the numismatic issues of the Central Indian chiefs, and on account of the thinness of the fabric the present piece may very well be referred to Central India.

To the students of numismatics I owe an apology for not being able to give an idea of the provenance of this interesting coin. I have been in the habit of collecting coins from various parts of India and whatever seemed to be interesting I acquired. Many of the copper coins, thus purchased from various places, were covered over with thick coats of verdigris defeating identification. They were thus left over as useless and ultimately got mixed up. Sometime back I tried to clean them. The operation was laborious and tardy, but was worth the trouble as a few interesting pieces came out, including the present one.

Whatever the attribution, the present coin is a unique one in the entire range of Indian numismatics. No other coin of this type and fabric has been known up till now."

9. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to read out a short synopsis of the communication from Mlle. Suzanne Karpelles on "A Note on unpublished records about the Latin-Annamite Dictionary printed in Bengal, 1836-40".

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The General Secretary thereupon made the following communication:—

"This communication traced the history of the preparation of the famous Latin-Annamite Dictionary edited by a French Catholic Bishop of Cochin-China, Monseigneur Taberd, under the initiative of this Society during the years 1836-40.

There was a lot of old correspondence on this subject which is available in the National Archives of India and there were references to the letters received in this connection in the Proceedings of the Society for the relevant years.

"Amongst the correspondence exchanged between the Government of India and the Society there are three documents from which it is learned that the editor of the dictionary afforded very material assistance in the trials of the Malay Pirates by interpreting the evidence of the Cochin-Chinese witnesses. On an examination of the old correspondence in this connection it is known how much financial help was rendered by the Government of India and the extent of the moral responsibility shouldered by the Society in this matter."

10. Next on the report of the scrutineers the Chairman declared that all the following candidates proposed for membership of the Society had been duly elected and declared the meeting as closed.

(32) *Kulkarni, Balakrishna Wasudeo,* B.Sc. (Eng.), Engineer, Mechanical (65/A, Satish Mukherji Road, Calcutta—26) E. E. & S. Ltd. (Birla Bros.), 1/A, Vansittart Row, Calcutta—1.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: P. Chakravarty.

(33) *Khwaja, Muhammad Kaiser,* B.A. (Hons.), Pakistan Foreign Service, First Secretary, Pakistan High Commissioner, 9, Circus Avenue, Calcutta—17.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: P. C. Gupta.

(34) *Chatterjee, Sri Kokanad,* Sahitya Saraswati, Jnanasree, Educationist, 48/G, Garcha Road, Ballygunge, Calcutta—19.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: Shibani Basu.

(35) *Bhattacharjee, Sri Sudhindra Nath,* M.A., Journalist, 60/4, Shyampukur Street, Calcutta—4.
Proposer: P. C. Chunder. *Seconder*: S. Ghosh.

(36) *Apparao, Kesiraju Venkata Narasinha,* M.A., Ubhayabhasha Praveena, Rashtrabhasha Visharad, Principal, S.V.J.V. Sanskrit College, Kovvur, West Godavari District, Madras State.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: K. M. Maitra.

(37) *Roy, Rashbihari,* M.A., Supdt., Oriental Seminary, Calcutta. Author, 16A, Nimtola Lane, Calcutta—6.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

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APPENDIX "A"

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY

Changes in its name from time to time.

I. Asiatick Society (1784 to 1825 A.D.)

On January 15, 1784, Sir William Jones, a Puisne Judge of the late Supreme Court at Fort William in Bengal and a master orientalist, established at Calcutta an institution, called the *ASIATICK SOCIETY*, for "enquiry into the History, civil and natural, Antiquities, Arts, Sciences and Literature of Asia". Within a decade and a half of its foundation the Society did much useful work, as is evident from the five volumes of the Society's transactions, the *ASIATICK RESEARCHES*, which were considered to be so profoundly interesting to the scholarly world that editions of the same were brought out in different countries of Europe, including one pirated edition in London.

The valuable work done by the Society even at its initial stage encouraged the members to bring forward a proposal for incorporation of the Society by a Royal Charter and the proposal was unanimously carried in a meeting of the Society on the 19th August, 1796. A memorial was hence forwarded to the Court of Directors, through the Governor General, requesting them to take measures for obtaining Letters Patent for incorporation of the Society. Apparently this memorial did not bear fruit.

II. Asiatic Society (1825-1853)

In 1825 the Society felt impelled to modify the spelling of the original title by dropping the antique 'k' from the word 'Asiatick'.

How the words, 'Of Bengal' crept in.

In 1823 one other Asiatic Society was established in London through the exertions of Henry Thomas Colebrooke, the President of the Asiatick Society at Calcutta from 1806 to 1815 A.D. The London Society received the Royal Charter of incorporation and came to be known as the "Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland". The Literary Society of Bombay, established in 1806, got affiliated to the London Society and its original title hence was changed to the "Bombay branch of the Royal Asiatic Society". In 1829 the London Society offered the privilege of similar affiliation to the Calcutta Society and in their letter this Society was for the first time designated as the "Asiatic Society of Bengal". As the parent of all Asiatic Societies extant the Calcutta Society proudly declined the privilege, and rightly so. It continued under its original modified title the "Asiatic Society".

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In 1832 the Society accorded permission to its Secretary, the celebrated Mr. James Prinsep, to continue Capt. J. D. Herbert's Journal, *'Gleanings in Science'*, under the designation of the 'Journal of the Asiatic Society'. With a view, however, to distinguish this journal from that of the London Society, Prinsep deemed it convenient to add, on the title page only, a geographical designation. That is how the first volume of the Journal was published with the title of the "Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal" on the title page. The Society apparently took no notice of the change that was made thereby in its name. When in 1842 the Society took over the Journal on its own account the existing nomenclature of the Journal had already become widely familiar and so it was tacitly retained. No records are available regarding the formal acceptance by the Society of the name "ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL". In the Code Bye-laws of the Society, first printed in 1851, the words of Bengal were incorporated in the name and title of the Society, and it is from that year that we have to date the formal recognition of the name, *ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL*, which had already come into general use in the Journal published by the Society.

III. Asiatic Society of Bengal (1851-1935)

In 1899 the question of the proper designation of the Society again came up before the Council. There was a proposal of the resumption by the Society of its original name and the Council appointed a Committee for considering the proposal. The Committee observed that the title of the Society was still "The Asiatic Society" and that the provincial designation 'of Bengal' crept into use through inadvertence and without the express and authoritative sanction of the Society. The Committee hence recommended that "our Society as the parent of all other Asiatic Societies, may resume in its correspondence and publications its still unrevoked designation." The matter was placed before the general body of members in January, 1900, but was dropped as it failed to secure a three-fourths majority required by the rules.

In 1901 there was again a proposal to change the name of the Society to "Royal Society of India for the promotion of Literature, Science and Art" and to apply to the Crown for a Charter or an Act of Incorporation. The proposal, however, fell through as the first part was not carried by a three-fourths majority required by the rules.

The Society celebrated the 150th anniversary of its foundation on the 15th January, 1934, and there was a proposal from the then President suggesting the application for a Royal Charter under the name and style of the "Royal Asiatic Society of India (Asiatic Society of Bengal)." The general body of members overwhelmingly voted for the proposal. Subsequently it was found that there was a technical difference between incorpora-

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tion by a Royal Charter to be bestowed by the Privy Council of the king and the bestowal by His Majesty of the title of "Royal" on the Society. As it was the latter distinction that was intended the Society in 1935 sent a formal application to the British Crown, through the Viceroy, for the privilege of being permitted to prefix the title "Royal" before the Society's name. The Royal permission came in 1936 and the Society since then came to be known as the *"ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL"*.

IV. Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal (1936-1950)

Though the bounds of investigations of the Society had been defined to be, and still are, the geographical limits of Asia, the provincial implication of the words 'of Bengal', added to the name almost unawares, was felt to be a great drawback as they gave a wrong impression regarding the nature and scope of the activities of the Society, the oldest and the most widely respected academic body in Asia. The question of the deletion of these words had hence been engaging the attention of the Society. With the coming of independence in August, 1947, certain members suggested also the deletion of the word 'Royal' from the name of the Society. A suggestion further came from the Government of India in July, 1949, enquiring if the Society might consider changing its name to 'Asian' instead of 'Asiatic'. The Council of the Society considered all the suggestions, but found no reason to accept the last suggestion. In respect of the former the Council formulated two proposals—one for dropping the word 'Royal' and the other for the change of the title to "THE ASIATIC SOCIETY". The proposals were circulated to all members of the Society and were carried by more than the required three-fourths majority. The change was formally accepted in a meeting of the general body of members on the 2nd January, 1950. But the change accepted by the general body of members could not be given effect to till alterations were effected in the records of the Registrar, Joint Stock Companies, Government of India. The formalities were completed about the middle of June, 1951, and from July, 1951, as reported in the monthly meeting, the Society, again re-assumed its original name "THE ASIATIC SOCIETY".

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APPENDIX "B"
THE ASIATIC SOCIETY

Nos.	Name.	Designation.	Present grade.	Present pay.	Present D.A.	Present Total.	New Grade sanctioned by Council, based on W. Govt. Grade.	Pay in the Grade.	Special personal pay to be absorbed in future increments.	Dearness Allowance.	TOTAL
1.	Jagannath Missir	Jamadar	20-½-30	30	30	60	25-1-35	30	3	30	63
2.	Sk. Ebrahim	Dufftry	-do-	30	30	60	30-½-35-1-45	30	3	30	63
3.	H. Rahman	,,	-do-	25	30	55	-do-	30	x	30	60
4.	Dhiren Dutt	,,	-do-	22	30	52	-do-	30	x	30	60
5.	Chaturbhuj	Durwan	-do-	22	30	52	20-½-25	22	3	30	55
6.	Fatick Das	Peon	-do-	26	30	56	-do-	25	4	30	59
7.	Anil Dey	,,	-do-	25	30	55	-do-	25	3	30	58
8.	Jagannath Tewari	,,	16-½-25	22	30	52	-do-	22	3	30	55
9.	Khedan Singh	,,	-do-	21	30	51	-do-	21	3	30	54
10.	Kishore Prasad	,,	-do-	21	30	51	-do-	21	3	30	54
11.	Altaf Hosain	Bearer (Liby.)	20-½-30	25	30	55	-do-	25	3	30	58
12.	M. A. Ibrahim	,,	-do-	24	30	54	-do-	24	3	30	57
13.	Rafiq Khan	,,	16-½-25	22	30	52	-do-	22	3	30	55
14.	Ramlal	,,	-do-	21	30	51	-do-	21	3	30	54
15.	Lakhan	,,	-do-	21	30	51	-do-	21	3	30	54
16.	Alimuddin	,,	16-½-25	19	30	49	20-½-25	20	3	30	53
17.	Monoranjan	,,	-do-	18	30	48	-do-	20	3	30	53
18.	Ram Ekbal	Bearer (Office)	-do-	24	30	54	20-½-25	24	3	30	57
19.	Guru Prasad	,,	20-½-30	22	30	52	-do-	22	3	30	55
20.	Ajit Ganguly	,,	-do-	20	30	50	-do-	21	3	30	54
21.	D. Pradhan	,,	16-½-25	19	30	49	20-¼-25	20	3	30	53
22.	Mali	Mali	16-½-25	18	30	48	20-¼-25	20	3	30	53
23.	Sweeper	Sweeper	-do-	21	30	51	20-½-25	21	3	30	54
24.	Sweeper	,,	-do-	19	30	49	20-¼-25	20	3	30	53

N.B.—The posts on 20-½-25 will be converted to posts on 20-¼-25 as and when the existing incumbents retire or leave the services of the R. A. S. B., i.e., every new appointments will be made in the scale of Rs. 20-¼-25.

J. M. SEN,
Actg. Hony. Treasurer.

S. K. MITRA,
President
12/6/51

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MONDAY, *the 6th August, 1951, 5-30 p.m.*

PRESENT

PROF. DR. S. K. MITRA, *President* (in the Chair).

Members:

Basu, N.,
Chakravarti, P.,
Chopra, Hiralall,
Gupta, P. C.,
Lahiri, A. N.,
Maitra, K. M.,
Majumdar, A. K.,
Mitra, S. K.,
Pal, R. K.,
Ray, Nihar-ranjan,
Saraswati, S. K.,
Sarker, Kshitis Ch.,
Sen, Nirmal Kumar,

Visitor:

Bhattacharya, A.

1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 2-7-51. The General Secretary read the minutes which were confirmed.

2. The General Secretary announced receipt of 111 books presented to and purchased by the Society during June, 1951, as shown in the appendix of the printed notice.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the names of the candidates for Membership and the ballot papers were distributed to the members. He then appointed Mr. A. K. Majumdar and Mr. S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers. While the ballating was going on the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule 57(d)*.

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports and communications from the Council under *Rule 57(g)* and *48(d)*:—

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignations—2.

1. Sri Uma Charan Law, Bar-at-Law ... (Ord. Member since 4-3-46)
2. Mr. H. D. Kitching ... (Ord. Member since 4-3-46)

(c) Withdrawal of applications—Nil.

(d) Lapses of election—Nil.

(e) (*i*) *Under Rule 57(g)*:

That Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi would represent the Society at the International Congress of Orientalists to be held at Istanbul in September from 15th to 22nd.

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(*ii*) *Under Rule 48(d)*:

That Sri R. C. Misra, temporary Assistant working in the Typing Section of the General Office, was confirmed with effect from 1-7-51 on an initial monthly salary of Rs. 65/- plus the usual D.A. in the grade of Rs. 60—5—125.

6. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to present the extracts from the following papers in the absence of their authors:—

(*i*) 'The Patras of Sylhet' by Sri B. Burman.

(*iii*) 'Fishing with the Hands in certain countries of Asia' by Dr. E. W. Gudger.

With regard to (*i*) above the General Secretary read extracts as follows:—

"The paper deals with the Patras of Sylhet alleged to have been the associates of Gaura Govinda, the last Hindu king of Sylhet who might have flourished in the 14th century. The paper is of an exploratory nature written with a view to draw out 'constructive criticisms which will enable the writer to deal more exhaustively and authoritatively with the subject. The Patras occupy the area on both sides of the Khadim Nagar tea estate, 6 to 10 miles to the east of Sylhet town. Patras possess mongoloid features but they are not akin to Khasias. They have clan divisions, mostly exogamic units but at present intermarriages between clans are permissible. They were pastoral a few years ago but are gradually taking to agriculture. The inheritance is on a patriarchal basis. They do not worship images but stone heaps designated by the names of different gods and goddesses bearing hinduised names. Thibam, *i.e.* worship of the ancestors, is considered as important as deity worship. On Saturdays or Tuesdays they worship tortoises. They believe in magics and witchcraft. The males are to pay bride-prices which have gone down of late. Widow marriages are allowed. They cremate or bury their dead according to convenience. A section of the Patras engages Brahmins to conduct their ceremonies but this practice is confined to only a small section. They held formerly community feasts drinking from the same "ghati" and sitting together on a common bamboo platform but nowadays they usually occupy separate seats at feasts. Economically they are rather backward."

The Chairman inviting discussion on this paper, Dr. R. K. Pal gave a very interesting account of these people from his personal experiences. He then congratulated the author and said there was something deserving of study.

With regard to (*ii*) above, the General Secretary said:—

"This is of the nature of a brief review comprising mainly quota-

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tions from some travel-books regarding China. The author tried to show that the Chinese practised fishing with the hand as early as the 14th century. In the accounts of the travels of Friar Odaric of Pordenone who most probably left Italy sometime between 1316 and 1318 there is a reference to diving and catching fishes with the hands. Other travellers more than five centuries afterwards, *viz.* Robert Fortune (1847), Dabry de Thivsant (1872) and John Henry Gray (1878) allude to this curious practice of fishing with the hands practised on a wide scale.

It is surprising that while in China this practice prevailed, in India such a method was not known widely. Dr. S. L. Hora, therefore, collected evidence about the prevalence of such a practice in India and passed on those materials to the writer who described in the concluding part of his paper how some kinds of fish living along the margins of the streams are caught by the hand, in Bihar, Bengal and some parts of Deccan."

7. The Chairman then requested Prof. K. M. Maitra to exhibit and comment on *Malfuzat-i-Ahmad-i-Maghribi,* a unique Persian Ms. in the Society's Library—(No. Sc. 247/E295). Indian Nastaliq. 849H/1446 A.D.

Prof. Maitra then remarked as follows:—

"The text of this unique manuscript consists of a biography of the celebrated Indian Sufi Saint Ahmad K'hatu Gujrati (born 738 A.H./1338 A.D. and died 849 A.H./1446 A.D.) whose shrine at Ahmadabad is revered very much. The author appears to be Muhammad b. Abl'l-Qasim, a pupil of the Saint, and he appears to have composed the work during his preceptor's life time. This great work is written in an unpretentious style and, in spite of its specific purpose, is of considerable historical interest as containing many allusions to the state of India at the time of Timur's campaigns. Especially interesting is the story of the Saint's journey from India to the Court of Timur at Samarqand and his return to Gujrat.

No other copy of this important work being known, the Society's manuscript remains unique."

After Prof. Maitra had finished Prof. Hiralal Chopra and Janab Mohiuddin Ahmed, Asiatic Society Research Scholar, interested the members present with discussions on the linguistic and historical details contained in this unique manuscript.

After this the Chairman thanked all those who took part in the discussions for the interest shown by them.

8. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman then declared that all the following candidates proposed for membership of the Society had been duly elected and declared the meeting as closed.

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(38) *Day, Upendra Nath,* M.A., Head of History Dept., Hindu College, P. O. Chandpur, Dist. Bijnore, U.P.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(39) *Mukherji, Kshirode Chandra,* M.A., Lecturer in Psychology, Calcutta University, 30/6A, Doctor Lane, Calcutta—14.
Proposer: U. N. Ghoshal. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(40) *Ghosh, Dr. Prafulla Chandra,* D.Sc., M.L.A., 6, Suren Tagore Rd., Calcutta—19.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: Chintaharan Chakravarti.

(41) *Nag, Anil Chandra,* M.Sc., A.C.I.I. (London), Lecturer, Dept. of Statistics, Calcutta University, 90, Basanta Roy Road, Calcutta—29.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: M. Ghosh.

(42) *Ray, Sunil Chandra,* M.A., Archaeological Dept., Govt. of India, Central Asian Antiquities Museum, Queensway, New Delhi.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(43) *Bhattacharyya, Chapalakanta,* M.A., B.L., Editor, Ananda Bazar Patrika, Journalist, 24A, Hemendra Sen Street, Calcutta—6.
Proposer: R. C. Mazumdar. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(44) *Chakrabarti, Asit Kumar,* B.Com., Professional Accountant, 38, Scott Lane, Calcutta—9.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: P. Chakravarti.

MONDAY, *the 3rd September, 1951, 5·30 p.m.*

PRESENT

DR. A. C. UKIL (Senior Member) (in the Chair).

Members:

Bandyopadhyaya, Biswanath,
Banerjea, J. N.
Basu, J. P.
Bhattacharyya, A.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal C.
Biswas, K.
Chakravarti, P.
Chopra, Hira Lall
Ghosh, Prafulla Chandra,
Hora, S. L.
Maitra, K. M.
Majumdar, R. C.
Majumdar, A. K.
Mukerji, Binoy Bhushan,
Ray, Nihar-ranjan,
Saraswati, S. K.
Sarkar, Kshitish Ch.
Sen, Nirmal Kumar,
Ukil, A. C.

Visitor:

Ahmed, Mohi Uddin,

At the outset Dr. A. C. Ukil said that owing to unavoidable reasons the President, Dr. S. K. Mitra, could not be present.

Dr. P. C. Ghose, ex-Premier of West Bengal, who was present at the meeting, was introduced to the Members.

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1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 6-8-51. The General Secretary read the minutes which were confirmed.

2. The General Secretary announced receipt of 106 books presented to and purchased by the Society during July, 1951, as shown in the appendix of the printed notice and exhibited on the table.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the names of the candidates for Membership and the ballot papers were distributed to the members. He then appointed Mr. A. K. Majumdar and Pandit Pulinbehari Chakravarty to act as scrutineers. While the ballotting was going on, the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule* 57(*d*).

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports and communications from the Council under *Rule* 57(*g*) and 48(*d*).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignations—2.

(1) Sri Sibdas Bhattacharya (Ord. Member since July, 1949)
(2) Dr. T. C. Das Gupta ... (Ord. Member since March, 1947)

(c) Withdrawal of applications—Nil.

(d) Lapses of election—Nil.

(e) That the Zoological Survey Department, Government of Pakistan, Karachi, has been elected as an Institutional Member of the Society.

(f) Under *Rule* 57(*g*):—

(*i*) That Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Sri S. K. Saraswati, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and Dr. Mahdi Husain will represent the Society at the Fourteenth Session of the Indian History Congress to be held at Jaipur in December, 1951.

(*ii*) That Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray will represent the Society on the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology for the term 1951-54.

(*iii*) That an amount of Rs. 2,000/- is to be transferred from the Publication Fund to the Oriental Publication Fund No. 2, to pay the printing charges of "Maathir-ul-Umara".

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(*iv*) That an amount of Rs. 1,200-12-0 is to be transferred from the Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 to Sanskrit Mss. Fund to meet the printing charges of "Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss.—Philosophy".

(*v*) That the title of the Fellows of the Society will change from F.R.A.S.B. to F.A.S., as a consequential change of the Society's name from the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal to that of The Asiatic Society.

6. The Chairman then requested Dr. Priyatosh Banerjee to read his paper on "Angul Copper plate of Dharmamahādevi". Dr. Banerjee then read his paper.

A short summary of his comments is given below:—

"This is a copper plate of Dharmamahādevi, queen of Śāntikara III of the Bhauma dynasty of Orissa. It was first published by Mr. Vinayak Misra in his book, "Orissa under the Bhauma Kings", pp. 52 *ff*. It is being re-edited here with corrected readings and a detailed description of its palaeographical peculiarities. The inscription is written in the Northern-Alphabet of c. 10-11th century A.D. and its object is to record a grant, by Dharmamahādevi, of some land in the village of Desanagrama to a Brāhmaṇa called Sridhara-bhatta, son of Vite-bhatta and grandson of Atihara-bhatta. The donee was an immigrant from Kolancha."

After Dr. Banerjee had finished, the Chairman invited discussion on the same. Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. S. L. Hora, and Prof. N. C. Bhattacharya took part in the very interesting discussion that followed.

7. *Exhibits*.—The Chairman next requested the following to comment on the exhibits referred to below:—

(*i*) Sri S. K. Saraswati: A bronze image of Sūrya from Bengal in a private collection.

Mr. Saraswati said that private collections had a natural tendency to get disintegrated and dispersed. Important and interesting specimens from such collections should hence be recorded, in some form or other, so that such specimens might be available to future scholars for their study and research. It was with this object that he was exhibiting the beautiful image, originally hailing from Arial in the district of Dacca (East Bengal), now in the possession of Srijut Adhar Banerji, a native of that place at present settled in Calcutta. It shows the sun god Sūrya standing erect on a lotus with the goddess Mahāśvetā standing between his feet. He has two hands, each holding a full-blown lotus by the stalk. He wears a short *dhoti*, reaching to the knees, a tight-fitting jacket which extends down to the knees in the shape of a frontal

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flap, the usual jewelleries including a high and pointed *kiriṭa*, and a pair of top boots. Instead of the sacred thread two cords are shown tied into knots in the middle of the chest like a *chhanavīra*. Besides, another iconographic peculiarity may be recognised in the *vanamālā* (garland of flowers) which is characteristic of the god Vishṇu. In these respects the present image resembles another stone image of Sūrya, found in the district of Faridpur (East Bengal) and now in the Museum of the Vangiya Sahitya Parishat, Calcutta. The pedestal and the back plate, representing the Sun chariot, are now missing, and along with them the figures of the attendant divinities. The elegant and sensitive modelling and other stylistic considerations would place the image about the end of the eleventh or the beginning of the twelfth century A.D."

After Mr. Saraswati had concluded Dr. J. N. Banerjea also spoke.

Dr. R. C. Majumdar said in this connection that the Society should, if possible, acquire such private collections for the benefit of all. The General Secretary assured him that it was not always safe to give all the information about such collections but efforts were being to do everything possible in this direction.

(*ii*) Sri P. Chakravarti—A Manuscript of Upādhyāya-nirapekshā, a commentary on the Kāmandakīya Nītisāra. (No. G. 890—Country-made paper. Nagara script. No date.)

Pandit Chakravarti remarked as follows:—

"The commentary is replete with quotations from older texts, majority of which have not come down to us. Most interesting is to observe that no other text on politics is found to quote so profusely from Kautilya as this one does. The quotations from Kautilya in this text do not always follow the readings in the printed editions of the KAUTILYA ARTHAŚĀSTRA. This commentary thereby goes to facilitate further study on Kautilya.

The name of the author does not appear anywhere in the text. Manuscripts of this text are very rare and only two other copies are known to exist, one in the India Office Library, London, and the other in Raghunath Temple Library, Jammu (Kashmir)."

After the presentation of the exhibit Dr. R. C. Majumdar said that in view of the importance of this text for studies on Kautilya it should be re-edited by the Society which should give it a 'top priority' in modern administrative parlance. He also suggested that pending the publication of the complete text all quotations from Kautilya might be published in the *Journal* along with corresponding passages in the printed editions of Kautilya's *Arthaśāstra*.

Mr. N. C. Bhattacharya supported Dr. Majumdar's suggestions and proposed that the suggestions ought to be recommended to the Council,

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through the Chairman of the Meeting, for the re-editing and publishing of this important text by the Society.

On enquiry the General Secretary found all Members present unanimous in recommending the suggestion to the Council.

(*iii*) Dr. S. L. Hora—American and Australian Literature for popularising Zoos and Museums.

A summary of what Dr. Hora said in this connection is given below:

"Museums, Zoos and Aquaria are not only regarded as places for recreation and relaxation but are considered as institutions of great educational value. Particular attention is paid to the education of children by associating school Service programmes and public lectures with them and by arranging special exhibits for children. Pictorial Guide Books, Picture Cards, illustrated plans of the institutions and popular magazines issued by them help to increase their educational value and dispersal of knowledge. All these activities help to make Zoos and Museums objects of popular attraction."

8. The Chairman then requested Dr. K. P. Biswas to make the following communication:

"Observations on the Vegetation of Eastern Sikkim."

Dr. Biswas made the following observations, with the help of lantern slides:—

"High snowy mountains of the Sikkim Himalayas attracted many naturalists and mountaineers since Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker paid a visit to Sikkim in 1849. His arrest and subsequent release by the Sikkim-Raj did not enable him to explore the vegetation of the Chola range particularly in the Eastern Wing bordering Tibet. Although several notes appeared on the vegetation of the Northern Sikkim nothing has so far appeared on the vegetation of this part of Sikkim. Collections however are available from several collectors who visited and visit this place from time to time. I have, through my collectors and my explorations in these areas, brought very rich collections which are now being studied."

"This route is of particular importance from historical and political point of view as well, as this is the main route to the "Gate of Tibet" and it is the shortest route to reach the heart of Tibet *via* Nathu La, Yatung, Pharijong, Giantsie and Lhasa. In fact, this is the main trade route to Lhasa from Kalimpong."

9. Dr. Ukil having left the meeting towards the end, Dr. S. L. Hora who took over said that on the report of the scrutineers, all the following candidates proposed for membership of the Society had been duly elected. He then thanked the speakers who took part in the various discussions and declared the meeting closed.

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(45) *Agarwal, Sant Kumar,* Cadet T. S. Dufferin, Bombay, C/o Mr. Satguru Das, Lionel Edwards, D1, Clive Buildings, Calcutta—1.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: G. Sen Gupta.

(46) *Pande, Sharda Prasad,* M.A., LL.B., Govt. Service (Income Tax Officer). Room No. 10, Central Govt. Hostel, Alipore, Calcutta.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(47) *Karnani, Indra Kumar,* Member, Royal Society of Arts (London), Banker Merchant. 3, Synagogue Street, Calcutta.
Proposer: Harish Chandra Bose. *Seconder*: Nihar-ranjan Ray.

(48) *Bandyopadhyay, Karunes,* B.Sc. with Honours in Engineering (Glasgow), Lecturer in Applied Physics, University College of Science, 92, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta—9.
Proposer: Haridas Bhattacharyya. *Seconder*: R. C. Majumdar.

(49) *Venkataraman, Dharma,* Economist, Research Officer, Reserve Bank of India, Dept. of Chemical Technology, Matunga Road, Bombay—19.
Proposer: K. N. Bagchi. *Seconder*: Nihar-ranjan Ray.

MONDAY, *the 5th November, 1951, 5-15 p.m.*

PRESENT

DR. S. K. MITRA, *President* (in the Chair).

Members:

Al-Waheed, A. C.
Bagchi, K. N.
Baruwa, U. C.
Bhaduri, J. L.
Chatterjee, Manomohan,
Chatterjee, S. K.
Chakravarti, P.
Chattopadhyay, K. P.
Griffiths, Walter G.
Hobbs, H. Major.
Hora, S. L.
Lahiri, A. N.
Maitra, K. M.
Matthews, Bernard,
Mitra, S. K.
Ray, Nihar-ranjan,
Samsookha, P. C.
Saraswati, S. K.
Ukil, A. C.

Visitor:

Nan, U.

1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 3-9-51. The General Secretary read the minutes which were confirmed.

2. The General Secretary announced receipt of 97 books presented to and purchased by the Society during August-September, 1951, as shown in the appendix of the printed notice.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the names of the candidates for Membership and the ballot papers were distri-

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buted to the Members. He then appointed Messrs. U. C. Baruwa and S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers. While the ballotting was going on, the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule 57(d)*.

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman announced the proposal of the Council regarding a new building on the site of the Petrol Pump station.

(The statement with the ground plan had been circulated to the whole body of Members.)

He said: "Gentlemen, I think you have all received the circular letter informing you of the proposal of the Council about the new building of the Society at the site now occupied by the Petrol Pump station. The details including the financial implications have been described and explained in the circular letter. I now place the matter before the Monthly Meeting to have your general approval, and in case you want to know anything about the scheme, as proposed, I think Mr. Matthews might help you in this matter with further information. I may also emphasise that this circular had been circulated to the whole body of Members, Resident, Non-resident and Foreign, and since the proposal is to authorise the Society to take a loan, and also to spend from its Reserve Fund, approval would have to be obtained from all the Members."

After the Chairman had introduced the scheme the proposal was discussed at some length by the following Members: (1) Major Harry Hobbs, (2) Dr. S. K. Mitra, (3) Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray, (4) Mr. Bernard Matthews, (5) Dr. A. C. Ukil, (6) Dr. K. N. Bagchi, and (7) Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya.

Summing up the discussions the Chairman finally said:—

"I thank you all for the discussions which, I feel, would clarify many of the points which might have been in the minds of our Members. I may repeat with regard to these points that if you go carefully through that circular letter you would find full explanations covering these points. May I therefore ask the Members to give their formal approval to this scheme without putting it to the vote? I can assure you that the question of the petrol pump has not yet been decided, and that in case of any danger from the petrol pump, this shall have to be dropped."

The building scheme as circulated was unanimously approved by all the Members present.

For the information of all Members concerned the discussions which took place at the meeting are being placed on record. (*Vide* Appendix.)

6. The Chairman then called upon the General Secretary to make the

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following reports and communications from the Council under *Rule* 57(*g*) and 48(*d*):—

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignations—2.

(1) Justice Sri P. B. Chakravarti ... (Ord. Member since January, 1946)

(2) Justice Sri K. C. Das Gupta ... (Ord. Member since March, 1945)

(c) Withdrawals of application—Nil.

(d) Lapses of election—Nil.

(e) That an amount of Rs. 750/- has been sanctioned to be paid as a special relief measure for this year only to the Office and Library Staff, the amount to be met out of savings under the head "Establishment".

(f) That the services of Prof. K. M. Moitra, Cataloguer of Islamic Mss., have been extended for one year more, with effect from the 5th September, 1951, on his present consolidated salary.

(g) That Prof. Haridas Bhattacharyya, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and Dr. Sukumar Sen represented the Society at the sixteenth session of the All-India Oriental Conference held at Lucknow in October, 1951.

7. The Chairman then requested Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyay to read his paper on "Korku Physical and Racial Affinities".

(*i*) Prof. Chattopadhyay illustrated his lecture with photographs and mathematical deductions on the black-board. His lecture may be summarised as follows:—

"Measurements and observations of fifty Korku subjects (males) were taken by me during two visits in 1938 and 1941 to Melghat area. In this paper these data are examined critically. The physical type of the Korkus, correlating head shape, stature and nasal measurements, is indicated. Possibility of affinity with Oraons and Kharwars is admitted.

"A critical assessment is also made of Pearson's formula for Racial Likeness and Mahalanobis's value of Divergence. The limits of these formulae are indicated and an additional check suggested. For the purposes of assessment Dr. P. C. Bose's measurement of Oraons and Dr. D. N. Majumdar's measurement of Oraons and others are referred to."

Prof. Chattopadhyay concluded his lecture amidst applause from the Members present.

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(*ii*) As Dr. H. J. J. Winter and Mr. Arshad Mirza could not be present at the meeting, the Chairman requested the General Secretary to read extracts from the authors' paper entitled "Concerning the Persian Version of Lilavati". A summary of what the General Secretary said is noted below:

"The paper deals with a manuscript of Faizi's Persian translation of *Līlāvatī*, now in the John Rylands Library in Manchester. The manuscript is not complete in the sense that it comprises a selection of examples taken from *Līlāvatī* to illustrate the methods of commercial arithmetic. The procedure adopted is that of stating a general rule, followed by an appropriate numerical example. The examples are selected from different sections of *Līlāvatī* and concern primarily business transactions. Rule of three, compound proportion, capital and interest, barter, purchase and sale, etc. are the problems that are particularly selected and discussed in this manuscript."

(*iii*) The Chairman then requested Dr. W. G. Griffiths to read the paper on "Ancestral and Sacrificial clans among the Santal" by Rev. J. Gausdal, on behalf of the author. A summary of this paper is given below:

"Exactly one hundred years ago this Society published some descriptive notes by Capt. Sherwill on a tour he made through the Rajmahal Hills. Since then considerable literature on the Santal people has been published. Most of the work, however, concerns the "outward" aspects of Santal life. In this monograph Mr. Gausdal makes a cautious approach to something difficult to apprehend: their conscious connection with their forefathers through Ancestral Clans, and their dealings with the spirits through the acts obligatory to their special Sacrificial clans. The author first sums up the available information on these subjects, then relates what Santal tradition has to say about the Ancestral clans. At present there are only eleven such in existence. The section on the Sacrificial clans deals with something very personal to the Santals for many years. The author knows their language and has won their confidence. He is well qualified to give this intimate glimpse of this people."

When Dr. Griffiths had finished reading this paper, Prof. Chattopadhyay showed a lively interest in this subject, but as time was short for a discussion the Chairman advised him to look up the original paper in the office of the Society.

8. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman declared the following candidates proposed for membership of the Society, duly elected, and the meeting then came to a close:

(50) *Singhi, Rajendrasingh*, Businessman, Singhi House, 9, Gariahat Road.
Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: Nathmal Tatia.

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(51) *Devi, Hirakumari,* Sankhya-Vyakaran-Vedanta-Tirtha, Scholar, 210A, Rash Behari Avenue, Calcutta—29.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: Nathmal Tatia.

(52) *Guha Ray, Sailendra Nath,* Director-in-charge, Sree Saraswati Press, Ltd., 32, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta—9.

Proposer: Nihar-ranjan Ray. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(53) *Khan, Niaz Ahmad,* M.A., B.T., Lecturer, Central Calcutta College, 16, Wellesley Square, Calcutta.

Proposer: Principal Said Ahmad. *Seconder*: Mahibul Hasan Khan.

(54) *Groom, Donald G.,* Warden, Friends Rural Centre, Rasulia, Hoshnabad, M. P.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

(55) *Delannoy, Miss Denise,* French Scholar and Fellowship of the University of Calcutta, Y.W.C.A., 1, Middleton Row, Calcutta—16.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

(56) *Dutt, Krishna Kishore,* M.B., D.T.M., Medical Practitioner, 114, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta—9.

Proposer: B. M. Agrawal *Seconder*: R. K. Newatia.

(57) *Deb Nath, Chandrasekhar,* M.A., Professor of Logic, Garhbeta College, Dist. Midnapur.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

APPENDIX

(Reference Item No. 5 of the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5-11-51.)

The following Members took part in the discussion on the proposed new building of the Asiatic Society:—

(1) *Major Harry Hobbs.*—"I would like to say a few words for the consideration of the meeting. This is a matter of the new building. The proposed building does not appear to be any improvement on the present one, as far as I can see. The site is at the busiest corner of the main thoroughfare, it is also the noisiest, and, to my mind, this is a wealthy corner, but unsuitable for the Society. It should be in a side street, like Camac Street or Theatre Road, where it can be quiet. I don't think we should jump at any plan. This Society is 160 years old and it ought to be housed in a building which would be a pleasure to see 100 years from now. I don't see in the plan anything attractive. When Sir William Jones founded this Society in old-time Calcutta it was very sensibly built, but the plan now shown has nothing to be proud of its old foundation. How does the size of the proposed building bear this out? What's going to happen, what are you going to do with it? Financially, it would be better if you sold this land and put up a building calculated to be of service 80 years from now.

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I don't know whether you are entitled to do this. Then to me the whole scheme seems unattractive ; but the most dangerous thing of the whole lot is the Petrol Pump. To my mind it is amazing that all your valuable documents, books and manuscripts are going to be risked by having a petrol pump contiguous to it. I can't believe it. I am only an old member and those are my views. If you are not going to put up a larger size building than this then drop this plan, but, in any case, certainly drop this petrol pump."

(2) *Dr. S. K. Mitra.*—"We are all very thankful to Mr. Hobbs for the interest he has shown in our plan and, as one of the oldest members of the Society, it is expected that he should always be thinking of danger. All the points that Mr. Hobbs has raised had been very thoroughly gone into, first by the Special Building Committee formed by the Council, and then by the Special Council and the Council itself. I might mention that the building that is going to be erected would provide us with additional space. The question of scrapping the existing building does not arise. Mr. Matthews would kindly explain about the architecture of the new building. As regards the petrol pump, that had already been gone into, and if there is the slightest risk to the building, or to the materials housed in the building, then I can assure Mr. Hobbs that the petrol pump shall be dropped. As a matter of fact, we have not arrived at any decision but a report only has been made about the lease of this site which expired some time ago."

(3) *Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray.*—"By way of explanation I might say that the points raised by Mr. Hobbs have been explained in the note, but so far as the petrol pump is concerned we can assure Mr. Hobbs that all precautions necessary for the purpose would be taken. Our first step, already taken, was to see if there was anything in the Police Act that prevented erection of a building adjacent to a petrol pump, and secondly, we have referred to the Explosives Department ; but we have not yet received a reply. We also had private consultations with the Departmental Officials, and they have suggested that so far as the building is concerned it can be kept safe, but we are not counting on the petrol pump station at all, financially speaking. We had offers from other parties also. If there is the slightest danger from the petrol pump it would be dropped. That is not a fundamental point so far as the building plan is concerned. The Building Committee was considering the proposal ; it had had more than 12 sittings spread over five years, the first being in 1946 ; finally, after the ordinary meeting of the Council, two more consecutive Special Meetings of the Council was held and it was decided to entrust Mr. Matthews with the ground plan. The elevation and section were left out, perhaps because the question of architecture cropped up, and somebody suggested that there should be a design which would reflect the modern tendency in architecture. There was a difference of opinion and we left the question of the elevation

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to be settled at a later date. So far as having the Society in a less crowded place, the Society, as you know, has no such land within this locality. As soon as this land (the lease of which has expired) was available we thought it could best be utilised in this manner, and in the long run would be financially paying, and also give dignity to this Society. Therefore, we do not intend to scrap this building for the present. That is why the proposed building would be a 3-storied one with a foundation for 6-storeys. That will give an idea that we had not been planning with our eyes just at the point of the nose, but we are trying to look forward, say after 25 years hence, when the Society would expand still more. This building, as we all know, is very inadequate for our present needs. So far as architecture is concerned, I am sure Mr. Matthews would kindly explain."

(4) *Mr. Bernard Matthews.*—"Gentlemen, in answer to the interesting questions which have been put by Major Hobbs I entirely agree with his observations on architecture and I am happy to have heard what he has said. I entirely agree with him that what we build should be in harmony with the rest of the architecture. With regard to the petrol pump I would add this that the tank itself is outside the building. If you look at the plan you would see that we have a vacant space at the end of the site where the tank would be actually outside the building. It would not be inside the building. Then I would emphasise the fact for your information, and Major Hobbs', that that is only the First Section. There are three sections. This building has no life left in it and you will agree with me that later we would want extra accommodation, so what we see is only the start of one of the sections. As you may see from the descriptive note that we intend to keep this building, since there would be the advantage of extra accommodation. The architecture of the First Section which we are going to build would be in harmony with the rest of the sections when completed. In view of the interesting observations we have had this afternoon it has undoubtedly cleared matters for us all. I thank you all, and especially Major Hobbs, for his suggestions about the architecture of the new building."

The plan was then projected on the screen through the epidiascope and Mr. Matthews pointed out clearly the space on the proposed site where the petrol pump would be right outside the building.

(5) *Dr. A. C. Ukil.*—"May I say a few words for the information of Mr. Hobbs and of the other Members of the Society? We need space urgently for the Library and Reading-rooms, and for the books which are being damaged for want of space. The question had already been discussed as to whether this building might have to be demolished and a bigger one erected in its place. The question was where should the valuable property of the Society be kept during the *interim* period of construction ; besides, the cost of construction would be enormous. That question

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was solved by Mr. Matthews at the Building Committee that this building still had life until we completed our entire scheme. We had explained that in the new building special arrangements would be made for the Library, so that books might be kept in a dry place. In the new structure this difficulty would be overcome for the next 25 years. If in the future we get more funds, and some support from the people, the old building could be demolished and a building worthy of the name be put up. We have heard from the General Secretary how many meetings had been held and the Finance Committee had declared the scheme financially sound. Major Hobbs has raised the point regarding danger from the petrol pump. We had contacted the Explosives Department to give their opinion about it and the matter is still under consideration. I can assure Major Hobbs that the Council would consider his remarks. With regard to the noisy atmosphere of this area we had also considered that, but the cost of land in Calcutta in a quiet place or in this neighbourhood is very high ; therefore, we had decided to continue to be here because we would have the advantage of letting out the ground floor, and the money available thus would be enough to pay for the interest on the loan. It is a sound proposition financially and with these words I would like to recommend the proposal to the Members."

(6) *Dr. K. N. Bagchi.*—"May I say a few words about the expected rental. I find from page 5 that at present we are getting Rs. 1,250 from the petrol pump. When the building is constructed instead of the present 100 ft. wall advertisement we would only have a 40 ft. wall and the space for advertisement would be less than half, so naturally the source of income would be less than what is stated in the circular.

(7) *Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray.*—"I might say for the information of Dr. Bagchi and the other members present that the petrol pump company, even for the limited space have, without asking, offered Rs. 1,000/- as expected rental, but I might tell Dr. Bagchi that with a little persuasion on our part we could get Rs. 1,350/- a month, or higher still. We have already got offers from other parties who are ready to give Rs. 1,500/- per month, *i.e.*, if we let out to a reputable Cigarette Company."

(8) *Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya.*—"In the case of the petrol pump any possible danger during war time could be obviated by keeping the underground tanks dry."

(9) *Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray.*—"That is a very important thing. As I said if the Government Explosives Department have any objection we are going to drop the Petrol Pump idea.

(10) *Major Harry Hobbs.*—"With regard to the financial side you are going to spend so many lacs of rupees with the object of spending more. Why not wait as you are living beyond your means. In the hope of getting more money you wish to carry this scheme through without getting ready

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for it in, say, 15 years hence. Further, there are always disorders and the danger of declarations of war ; a bomb dropped anywhere near it would be disastrous. It is no good talking about precautions ; you want to avoid danger by taking precautions which, in themselves, are not sufficient."

(11) *Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray.*—"Financially speaking, the Society is not going out of its depths. Out of the estimated 8 lacs we are going to spend 2 lacs, and that not immediately but in stages, and moreover, the returns that we are going to get from the new building would more than compensate the expenditure from our reserve fund ; in addition we would have additional space. Besides in regard to that question of space I would request Mr. Hobbs to accompany me to the Stock-room where we keep our publications. I can assure you we have the best publications in Oriental literature, but we are losing good money by keeping them in a damp dungeon. Then, again, the Librarian has been complaining that we have no space for books in the Library. They are already being kept on the floors. If you take a walk through the Library you will see hundreds of books lying on the floor for the last two years. So the question of space is immediate."

MONDAY, *the 3rd December, 1951, 5-15 p.m.*

PRESENT

PROF. DR. S. K. MITRA, *President* (in the Chair).

Members:

Bagchi, K. N.
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, R.
Chaudhuri, B. N.
Hora, S. L.
Maitra, K. M.
Mitra, S. K.
Pal, R. K.
Ray, Nihar-ranjan
Ray Chaudhuri, G. C.
Saraswati, S. K.
Shastri, Vishnu Nath
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmal Kumar

Visitor:

Agarwala, N. K.

1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 5-11-51. The General Secretary read the minutes which were confirmed.

In connection with the item noted above Dr. S. L. Hora observed in passing that the verbatim notes taken down by the Society's stenographer relating to the discussions on the new building of the Society, contained in the Appendix, should be circulated to the members concerned for approval as

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these would form the permanent records of the Society. The Chairman agreed that this should be done.

2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 20 books presented to and purchased by the Society during October, 1951, as shown in the Appendix of the printed notice and exhibited on the table.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out the names of the candidates for Membership and the ballot papers were distributed to the members. He then appointed Dr. Rudhendra Pal and Sri S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers. While the ballotting was going on, the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under *Rule* 57(*d*).

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports and communications from the Council under *Rule* 57(*a*) and 48(*d*):—

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—1.

Rao Bahadur Rudra Pratap Singh ... ... (Ord. Member since 2-1-33)

(b) Resignations—4.

(1) H. W. Morsman ... (Ord. Member since Feby., 1946)
(2) P. D'Abrew, M.B.E. ... (Ord. Member since April, 1946)
(3) S. M. Sanyal ... (Ord. Member since March, 1946)
(4) Hari Prosad Nayak ... (Ord. Member since March, 1946)

(c) Withdrawal of applications—Nil.

(d) That the Council have nominated Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. A. C. Ukil to serve on the Council of the National Institute of Sciences of India for the year 1952 respectively as an Additional Vice-President and an Additional Member.

(e) That an amount of Rs. 800/- has been appropriated from the Budget Head XXII (Library Improvement) to Budget Head IX (Printing, notices, etc.).

(f) That the following Medal Advisory Boards have been formed:—

(1) *Barclay Memorial Medal.*

1. Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), 2. Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil), 3. Dr. R. N. Chaudhuri, 4. Dr. K. N. Bagchi, 5. Sir Paul Benthall, 6 Dr. D. M. Bose, and 7. Dr. J. L. Bhaduri.

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(2) *Dr. B. C. Law Gold Medal.*

1. Donor (Dr. B. C. Law), 2. Philological Secretary (Dr. N. Dutt), 3. Dr. J. N. Banerjea, 4. Dr. N. Ray, 5. Dr. W. G. Griffiths, 6. Dr. P. C. Bagchi, 7. Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, and 8. Mr. T. N. Ramachandran.

(3) *Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal.*

1. Donor (Dr. B. C. Law), 2. Joint Philological Secretary (Principal Said Ahmed), 3. Sir Jadunath Sarkar, 4. Dr. R. K. Mookerjee, 5. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, 6. Dr. N. Ray, 7. Dr. Baini Prashad, and 8. Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

(4) *Annandale Memorial Medal.*

1. Anthropological Secretary (Dr. W. G. Griffiths), 2. Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), 3. Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil), 4. Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, 5. Dr. K. N. Bagchi, 6 Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, and 7. Prof. Nirmal Bose.

(5) *Indian Science Congress Medal.*

1. Biological Secretary (Dr. K. P. Biswas), 2. Physical Science Secretary (Dr. D. M. Bose), 3. Anthropological Secretary (Dr. W. G. Griffiths), 4. Medical Secretary (Dr. A. C. Ukil) 5. General Secretary (Dr. N. Ray, 6. Dr. S. K. Mitra, 7. Dr. B. Mukherji, 8. Dr. B. Sanjiva Rao, and 9. Dr. J. L. Bhaduri.

6. (a) The Chairman then requested the General Secretary, in the absence of the author, Sri A. C. Nag, to read his paper on "Construction of Fertility Tables for India and Studies therefrom".

The General Secretary read the above paper, a summary of which is given below:—

"In the present paper a fertility table has been prepared for Bengal, Bombay and Madras from 9165 middle-class families. Bengal exhibits higher fertility at all age-groups of the mother than Bombay and Madras. This feature has been partly explained by the age distribution of the married couples. Changes in specific fertility rates over two generations in Bengal have been studied. They have been explained by the corresponding changes in marriage practices, in regard to age at marriage and age difference of the couple. Fertility rates obtaining in different levels of the Society have also been compared. The use of Japanese fertility rates to India by the National Planning Committee (1938) has been criticised."

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(b) With the consent of the members the Chairman declared that in the absence of the author, Dr. Dinesh Chandra Sircar, the following two papers by him, extracts from which are given below, might be taken as read:

(*i*) "Chicacole Plates of Gāñga Anantavarman."—

The inscription, written in the Kalinga script, was published jointly by Dr. C. Narayana Rao and Mr. R. Subba Rao in J.A.H.R.S., Vol. VIII, pp. 188ff. The author of the present paper points out that there are numerous errors in the transcript of the epigraph published by the above scholars who, moreover, failed to grasp its real meaning. It has been shown that the inscription actually records the grant of a plot of cultivable land together with four plots of homestead land made in favour of a Brahmana named Nara by an individual named Vurasi. This grant, which was not revenue-free, was ratified by the Ganga King. The annual rent of the donated land was fixed at ten *mashakas* of silver."

(*ii*) "Chicacole Plates of Gāñga Devendravarman".—

This inscription was jointly published by Dr. C. Narayana Rao and Mr. R. Subba Rao in J.A.H.R.S., Vol. VIII, pp. 185ff. It has been shown in the present paper that the learned scholars failed to read and interpret the record properly. The inscription actually records the grant of a village to four Brahmana brothers, to be shared equally by them, with the exception of that portion of the village which belonged to the Bhaṭṭārikā, *i.e.* the village deity. The Brahmanas received the village for their services as priests in the temple of the above goddess."

7. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman declared that all the undermentioned candidates proposed for membership of the Society have been duly elected ; and the meeting then came to a close.

(58) *Hazra, Rajendra Chandra,* M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt., Associate Professor of Smriti and Purana, Research Dept., Govt. Sanskrit College, Calcutta. P. 133B, Lake Terrace, Ballygunge, Calcutta.
Proposer: Sushil Kumar De. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(59) *Chatterji, Tapan Mohan,* Barrister-at-Law, 33, Mc-Leod Street, Park Street, Calcutta—16.
Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(60) *Shah, Ripu Daman,* Student, Applied Physics, Calcutta University ; 113A, Manohar Das Chowk, Burra-Bazar, Calcutta.
Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: P. Chakravarti.

(61) *Agarwala, Newal Kishore,* B.A., LL.B., Barrister-at-Law, 5, Tilak Road, Calcutta—29.
Proposer: P. Chakravarti. *Seconder*: K. M. Maitra.

(62) *Presler, Henry H.,* Ph.D., Professor, Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, C. P.
Proposer: Walter G. Griffiths. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

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(63) *Devaraj, J.*, M.A., L.T., Ph.D., Lecturer in History and Politics, Osmania University, 265, Nallagutta, Secunderabad, Deccan.
Proposer: B. N. Chaturvedi. *Seconder*: S. K. Saraswati.

(64) *Deb, Ajoyendra Krishna*, M.A., Student in Ancient Indian History, 25, Shampooker Street, Calcutta—4.
Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: P. Chakravarti.

(65) *Park, Helen Graham*, A.I.A., and A.I.D., Architect and Designer, 102, Maiden Lane, New York, 5 N. Y.
Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: N. Ray.

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